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Presidential Address

To the 110th Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society

Adyar, 26 December 1985

May Those who are the embodiments of Love Immortal bless with Their help and guidance this Society founded to be a channel for Their work. May They inspire it with Their Wisdom, strengthen it with Their power and energize it with Their activity.

Since the centenary of our Society was commemorated in 1975, another decade—one tenth of another century—has gone by. All those who are at work seriously and steadily, endeavouring to accomplish an important task, find that time flows fast. It is hard to say what really has been accomplished during these last ten years from the point of view of the Society's objectives, because change takes place so slowly within the human mind. And it is with internal change—a revolution in attitudes and relationships—that the Theosophical Society is primarily concerned.

The world is continually beset by pressing, even seemingly intractable, problems. They are intractable only because there is no change within the mind of man from where the trouble arises. Again and again, causes as well as solutions are being sought outside. Centuries ago, the Upanishads declared that mind alone is the cause of both

bondage and liberation. The implication of this statement has not been taken to heart—neither by those who make use of it as a quotation, nor by those who have heard it casually. The 'normal' way of life of almost every group of human beings includes an obsession with self-preservation and self-promotion and the consequent hatred, suspicion, fear and desire. These find outlets in quarrels, competition and the many problems that afflict individuals and nations. If the idea of self-promotion were eradicated from the mind, yielding place to a sense of friendship, trust and selflessness, there would be hardly a problem on earth. Wars would not take place and pressures would be eased. The purely material problems are easily resolved where there is trust and good will. Humanity has so far missed the chance of bringing about a real reign of peace only because it wants to change everything except its own mental and psychic condition.

Changing the state of the mind has so far been harder than landing on the moon or circumnavigating the earth. But it may not be actually so hard as we think. Perhaps it is difficult only because we do not really accept that it is the way to peace and to a better world, and even to personal happiness, if there is such a thing as personal happiness. As long as there is a lack of complete conviction, and we keep on looking for a change to come from outside, searching for solutions based on modifications of systems and theories, energy is dissipated. Repeatedly it has been found that when people say that something cannot be done, they are unable to do it. On the other hand, when someone is concerned that a certain thing must be done, he does it. New achievements in various fields (for example, in sports) come from people who are determined to go beyond the limits which were previously considered to be unsurpassable. Our attitude regarding what can be done or cannot be done is important. If we presume that a mental change is impossible, it is impossible. But the real Theosophist knows with full conviction that the mind must change and that there is no other way. He then has the power to bring about that change. He works at it wholeheartedly without depending upon minor or temporary means to smooth the way.

Humanity is like a prisoner who has become attached to his shackles and is afraid of freedom. Grooves in the mind, built up through the ages, keep humanity on a path of suffering. It is only habit which prevents all of us from abandoning old ways and creating a world of co-operation and happiness. How many are ready to give their complete attention and

energy to an inward change, to breaking out of grooves? This is an important question facing all the serious members of the Theosophical Society.

The work of the Theosophical Society cannot be successful except to the extent that it breaks down old habits of thought and attitudes. Even though this has been explained again and again, still too many members continue to think that the Society must apply itself particularly to social service and to the relief of physical suffering of various kinds. No person concerned with the well-being of mankind would deny the need to relieve suffering at the outer level. But the basic work of the Society is not to offer temporary consolation; it is to eradicate the very cause of man's woes. We have to recognize that selfishness or selflessness is a matter of choice. A Theosophist cannot agree with the widely accepted premise that self-concern is an inherent part of man's nature, or even a necessary evil. There are those who imagine that progress depends on the urge to promote self-advantage. This error is the result of accepting the present human mentality as an unalterable pre-condition of human life. The importance of understanding man's true nature, the whence and whither of his life, cannot be overstressed. The study of man's constitution has little value if it is confined only to some technical points. It must be of such a nature that it illumines the purpose of our life in the present by setting it in a true perspective.

It is a hard task to break down mental blocks and rise out of ruts. There is no need to be disheartened if our efforts do not yield immediate results. We must carry on steadily, with confidence in the

noble destiny which awaits humanity. Yet we must not deceive ourselves into believing that real progress has been made, when only the forms have changed. A habit of mind, when it takes different courses and assumes different forms, can appear other than it is. Our Society's history began with a battle against dogmatism. Although dogmatism of the kind that existed in the last century is not to be found today, dogmatism itself is far from vanquished. It raises its head in every ideology which propels people into hatred and strife. There are many ideologies that conceal their real nature under a veneer of virtue, and even right causes may find dogmatic champions who lay down with finality what path others should take.

The work of the Theosophical Society is not merely to challenge a particular form of dogmatism in a religion, ideology or world-view, but to shake and uproot the very spirit of dogmatism. The study of Theosophy makes one aware of the depth, vastness and mystery of life. Therefore, the true student of Theosophy is free from the arrogance which says, 'I know all about life, I know the truth.' The enquiring mind, deeply concerned with the truth, never shuts its doors against life's message that comes to it from everywhere at every moment. Therefore, 'the opening of the doors of the mind' is recognized as an important qualification on the Path.

Humanity could have saved itself from untold suffering simply by refusing to let the mind be prey to an assertive, authoritative compulsion. The progress of science has been retarded by the closed mind. It turns religion into a cruel bogey to frighten people. It invents political and economic theories which cause distress to

generations. A continual source of pain and struggle would come to an end if the groove of dogmatism were eradicated from man's nature, giving way to an open, free spirit. An open mind is a part of the 'Golden Stairs up the steps of which the learner may climb to the Temple of Divine Wisdom'.

For centuries, artifice and artificialities have also been built into the mind's texture. Greek mythology depicts a prototype in Narcissus who was in love with his own image. It is a common human failing to love the image rather than reality. To many people, man-made contrivances and artifacts, like paper flowers, are more appealing than what exists in nature. A painted face seems more charming than a natural one and the world of fashion thrives on what is bizarre. This preoccupation with the physical image has given rise to huge industries. Since to project an image is big business, our appreciation of reality fades into the background.

The Narcissus legend not only points to fascination with the physical image but also to the bewitchment cast by the mental self-image. Man struggles and suffers to safeguard and strengthen his own thought-form of himself—a thought-form which represents the real person much less than the reflection to which Narcissus became attached. We hardly realize how artificial our thinking and activities are because this groove of the mind has been in existence for so long. Millions of people, lost in the urban mechanisms of the world's cities, occupied with entertainment, printed words, and unnatural surroundings, have adopted a way of life which is out of tune with the rhythm of real life.

Simplicity is not a return to primitiveness. It implies liberating the mind from artifice and attachment to the images and illusory activities which make up its artificial world. To be a Theosophist means to use constantly one's discriminative powers in order to free the mind and restore it to a simple, natural and pure state, capable of being in touch with the depths of the clear waters of life.

Many forms of resistance exist in the mind. What we have said is enough to show that the Theosophical Society's work is of a radical nature and we must not be satisfied with superficial activity alone. The centuries' old crystallizations of the mind must be broken up or worn out in order to create a new human society. Repetition is the character of the *tamasic* or material nature. The Divine Nature is awakened and comes into its own only when there is a break with the mechanical patterns which humanity has accepted for too long. The task of our Society is in this direction.

The work around the world has gone on steadily. Membership has increased in some Sections and decreased in others. Such fluctuations do not alter the total strength of the Society.

Both Australia and New Zealand have had some increase in the number of members. The Australian Section had many problems with its building in Walker Street, Sydney, for several years. Fortunately it has been able to sell it and buy another one situated in the heart of the city. The General Secretary reports that there is a feeling of optimism throughout the Section. One-day or two-day seminars have helped Lodges and groups to understand Theosophy more deeply. The Section's effort is to

disseminate Theosophical teaching through 'interesting but undogmatic presentations'. The New Zealand Headquarters has encouraged the formation of study-centres for members unable to attend distant Lodge meetings. A training workshop was held during the year in a beautiful location. In the capital city of Wellington the Lodge has rebuilt its premises. The General Secretary, Mr Jack Patterson, comments that it is clear that they must work 'less from the head and more from the heart, for', as he says, 'our work becomes truly effective when the universal energy which is love flows through all that we do'.

The third Indo-Pacific Conference was held in Karachi in the second week of this month, and was attended by members from several areas of Pakistan, as well as representatives from Malaysia, Australia, India, Indonesia and New Zealand. The theme was 'Universal Values: The Way to Peace and Understanding'. The response to the conference on the part of the press and public was encouraging.

The Indian Section continues to have the largest membership, touching nearly ten thousand. The General Secretary, Dr C.V. Agarwal, has been endeavouring to activate both the Section Headquarters and the Lodges in every possible way. In this Section, as in others, there is a shortage of workers. The report from Northern Ireland, for example, mentions that the harvest is plentiful but the workers are always few. Only when there is a real dedication are members willing to sacrifice time, energy and money to help the cause. Therefore every Section should work not only to create interest in the public, but to stimulate the members in such a way that they feel committed to

Theosophical work. As usual, a number of study programmes were held throughout the Indian Section. Work was also done to bring out publications in the regional languages of which there are many in India. The visits of Dr Hugh Gray, General Secretary of the English Section, Dr Harry Upadhyaya, also of England, and other lecturers have benefited the Lodges and the Section Headquarters.

Dr Agarwal reports that a large number of members had to be dropped for not paying their dues after the initial enrolment. Other General Secretaries have reported that this was the case in their Sections also. This raises the question of whether it is desirable to hurry into enrolling members who have little or no idea of the Society's work and character, and who know nothing about its philosophy. Would it not be better for newcomers to participate in Lodge activities for some time before joining?

Mrs Dora Kunz, in her detailed annual report, mentions that in the United States also names were 'cleared out' from the membership records and the strength of the Section now stands at about five thousand. There is an increasing demand for the video-tape programmes and also for the audio-cassettes which the Section is producing. Over 350 audio-tapes and 25 video-cassettes are available from the Section Headquarters for Lodges to use. The National Lecturer, Mr Bing Escudero, has been indefatigable in travelling all over the country. Mr and Mrs Rohit Mehta also lectured in some of the Federations. One of the important items of work done in the United States is the attention given to prisoners who receive books, cassettes and other

material on loan or as gifts. The circulation of books from the Section's Library is also on the increase. The Section will celebrate its centenary in 1986, for which plans are already being made.

An important event which took place at the Wheaton Headquarters was the holding of an Inter-American conference. General Secretaries and Representatives from all the Latin American Sections and the Chairman of the Inter-American Federation were present and they felt greatly benefited and stimulated by the meetings. Great appreciation was expressed of the generous hospitality of the American Section in making the conference possible and for providing all the necessary facilities.

The Canadian Section's report emphasizes the present interest in Theosophical history. The Section continues to donate H.P.B.'s books to university libraries. No report has been received from the Canadian Federation where also, undoubtedly, work has been going on as usual.

West Africa is celebrating the fiftieth birthday of the Theosophical Society in Ghana. An elaborate programme was drawn up and publicity given. The membership in West Africa increased during the year by 101, bringing the total to 361. Many letters of enquiry were received, but only a few were from persons with serious interest. In this part of Africa there is considerable misconception about the role of the Society. Many enquirers are interested in magic, amulets and such things. The Theosophical Society in East and Central Africa has shown a large decrease in membership due to Asian members

emigrating from the region. Fortunately, the lectures given by Mr Reuben Thuku are much in demand and more Africans are becoming interested in Theosophy. As the Section is composed of Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia, and thus covers a large area, there is a great deal of difficulty in communication. The Theosophical Society in South Africa has also had a fall in membership, but the work is being carried on. An 'Action Committee' has been formed to improve communication and to take measures to strengthen the work.

The 1984 Summer School in Indonesia was a fruitful one. It was therefore decided to have such gatherings in the different provinces. The General Secretary reports that younger people are attracted by the various movements which offer 'immediate and tangible satisfaction'. This, of course, is true in other parts of the world also. A special effort was made to interest young people, as 1985 was declared to be the international year of youth. The Indonesian Section lost in the person of Mr Moetadji Kartodirdjo a veteran worker.

The number of active Lodges in Burma remains the same. The Section is a small one and the membership is mainly in Rangoon. Conditions are not favourable for activities in Sri Lanka. It is reported that three Lodges suffered 'irreparable loss' in the passing away of their Presidents. The two Lodges in Colombo are working jointly. In spite of the difficulties, the members are renovating the fifty-year-old headquarters building and it is hoped that the light of Theosophy will be a powerful beam going out from there. No reports have been received from the Philippines Section

where there are very active Lodges, or from Malaysia which is a Presidential Agency.

In Europe, a regular feature of the work is the newly instituted European School of Theosophy which offers short-term courses by leading members. Miss Joy Mills and Prof. John Algeo, as well as Miss Ianthe Hoskins, visited several Sections. The Chairman of the European Federation reports that most Sections have lectures on cassettes available for members living too far from any Lodge. In the near future they hope to have video-cassettes as well.

Dr Bratina, General Secretary of the Italian Section reports an increase of 115 members. Italy is now numerically the largest Section of the European Continent. The magazine of the Section goes out not only to members, but also to non-members and several public libraries. The General Secretary lectured in a number of towns and reports that four new Lodges have been formed. There is no report from Spain, but from Portugal we hear that an Iberian Theosophical Week was held and that it was attended by a good number of Spanish and Portuguese members. Miss Ianthe Hoskins's regular visits have proved to be of great help, since she speaks Spanish.

A highlight in France was a Summer School especially organized for the benefit of French-speaking members in North Africa who are all members of the French Section. The members in France generously helped and entertained the visitors and organized a stimulating programme which will undoubtedly strengthen the work in Africa. At the Headquarters in Paris more and more

printing work is being done. Both Belgium and Switzerland are small Sections, but they carry on undaunted by their size. In recent years, a gathering of all the Section's members has been organized by the Swiss General Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Jenny, and although they speak different languages, members have found this so useful that this annual gathering has become a regular event. The Lodges in Belgium are steadily continuing with their studies, lectures and other programmes.

As usual, there was a Summer School in the Netherlands. Their two-year training course came to an end. The reprinting of Dutch translations of important books is going on. The General Secretary of the German Section, Mrs Eva Maas, mentions with pleasure that several persons in Namibia (Africa) became interested in Theosophy and, because they speak German, have joined the German Section. A new Lodge, *Isis*, has been formed in Windhoek, Namibia. The number of lectures and courses in the German Section has increased, and the Summer School and other gatherings attracted a very satisfactory response.

The Austrian Section, which was reopened in 1945 after the war, has not been able to gain much strength since then. The General Secretary, Dr Lauppert, bewails the lack of younger members. However, the Section's annual Summer School at Pichl has always been an attraction to members from a number of countries. A steady output of books in German comes from Adyar Verlag, their Theosophical Publication House. During the last year they reprinted *Light on the Path* and brought out a revised translation of Annie Besant's *The Seven*

Principles of Man. The Yugoslav Section still feels the impact of the problem it had to face last year, which I mentioned in my address. However, both the Section's Convention and Summer School were conducted in a very harmonious atmosphere.

The passing away of Mr Sigvaldi Hjalmarsson at the age of sixty-three was a great loss to the Icelandic Section and to the Society as a whole. He was outstanding as a lecturer and a man of letters and had been General Secretary of the Section for fourteen years, editing its popular journal *Gangleri* at various times. The present General Secretary, Mrs Helga Jóakimsdóttir, writes: 'It is my wish that the Theosophical Society may acquire many such brothers.' Mr Hjalmarsson was a great lover of India and Adyar. In spite of this loss the Section continues to carry on all its activities as usual, including publication. The total membership in Iceland is around 400.

The Danish Section reports an increase in membership and much interest in the study-seminars which were held. Geoffrey Barborka's *The Divine Plan* and *Man Visible and Invisible* by C.W. Leadbeater were printed. The Norwegian Section had the pleasure of welcoming the members of the European Council during its Summer School. The participants came from more than a dozen nations. It is hoped that there will be a new impetus in Norway as a result. The Swedish Convention was marked by lectures on the Bhagavad Gita by Prof. John Algeo. Swedish translations of a number of Theosophical books are being prepared and published. Finland reports a large decrease in membership as a result of 'cleaning up' the rolls in order to

eliminate the names of those who had not paid fees for several years. Here, too, publications were brought out and the regular work was carried on with the usual enthusiasm.

A special feature in the English Section was the establishment of a Theosophical History Centre. This reflects a growing interest in various aspects of the Society's history which appears to exist on the part of a number of people, including academicians and non-members. The English Summer School and Convention were held in Nottingham with Miss Joy Mills as the principal speaker, supported by Prof. John Algeo and Dr Rupert Sheldrake. The Section's Headquarters has been humming with activity as usual and a number of seminars, lectures and other programmes were organized both in London and at the beautiful Tekels Park estate. The Publishing House in London had another successful year.

With the help of Mr Alan Senior of the Scottish Section, video-tapes are being prepared for use in Britain. The work in Scotland has progressed very well under the able guidance of Mrs Margaret Senior who was appointed as Presidential Representative last year. The visit of Miss Joy Mills to Edinburgh and Glasgow was much appreciated. The libraries in these two cities fulfilled a very important function and the revival of the Section's magazine, now called *Circles*, has created a link among the members and with other parts of the Theosophical world. It is reported that the work of the small Welsh Section 'continues with reasonable success'.

All through the year a programme of public activities took place in Northern Ireland. Belfast Lodge celebrates its 75th

year of existence and preparations are going on to celebrate the centenary of the Dublin Lodge. Although the membership is small, there is now an improved tone to the work, the Section having weathered the problems created by the previous absent General Secretary.

The General Secretary of the Greek Section says that they are facing financial problems and lack of interest on the part of the membership. However, their journal *Ilisos* has a circulation of 2,500.

The largest Section in Latin America is Brazil. Its magazine, in Portuguese, has been published without interruption for 75 years. For many years this Section has had the active participation of youth. During the past year a compilation of articles and lectures by the International President was published. In Colombia, also, publications have been brought out including *Practical Notes for Students of Occultism* and a pamphlet on the 'Role of Women in the World Today'. Theosophy can throw much light on various social problems and the Colombian Section is to be congratulated for taking up a practical subject. They have also started a study group for introducing the young to the Theosophical way of life.

The Mexican Section has been in turmoil. In spite of that, the young General Secretary, Mr Isaac Jauli, reports a greater awakening on the part of the public to the value of Theosophy. The membership has increased by 55 and two new Lodges and two Study Centres were started. In addition 15,000 booklets were printed for distribution.

In Argentina, study courses were conducted to prepare workers. In every Lodge there is a sub-committee to prepare and plan activities for the public.

They are reorganizing their publishing department. The Community Centre, started a few years ago in San Rafael has developed and the Summer School was held there, as was also a youth gathering.

A visit by Miss Ianthe Hoskins was of much help to the smaller Latin American Sections. The membership has increased a little in Venezuela where there seems to be considerable enthusiasm although the group is small. The General Secretary of the Puerto Rican Section, Prof. Miguel A. Charneco, visited Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic, where a Theosophical group is in formation. In Bolivia two new groups were formed and it is hoped that the small membership in the country will soon be able to enlarge its strength. Peru, likewise, has only a small nucleus for the present. Some of these countries receive no visitors and have to depend entirely on their own resources. Because of the admirable sense of dedication of a few, the Theosophical torch continues to burn in such places.

Far-away Lodges which exist in Suriname, Comilla in Bangladesh, Israel and Japan, are being helped by the International Headquarters as much as possible. It is reported that there is a satisfactory attendance and growing interest in the meetings in Israel. The membership has grown a little and some Hebrew translations of Theosophical books are being prepared. In Japan, they have completed a translation of *The Key to Theosophy* and are bringing out other works of H.P.B. in a periodical.

Coming to Adyar, the noteworthy feature of the year is the beginning of the centenary year of the Adyar Library. The Library was established with a formal ceremony on 28 December 1886, and

tomorrow we shall participate in the inauguration of the centenary year. During 1986, it is planned to have some important colloquia to which a number of distinguished scholars will be invited. The Library has been offered financial aid for this purpose by the Ford Foundation. A special Jubilee Volume of the Library's learned journal *Brahmavidya* is being prepared. The journal has been published regularly for half a century. An Endowment Fund for the Library is being set up to mark this memorable year. The Library has always suffered from its inability to pay suitable honorariums for qualified scholars and pandits to work in its research and publication section. It also needs to acquire new publications in sufficient numbers to keep abreast with new advances. Its equipment should also match the Library's status and potentialities. The income from a separate endowment fund would go a long way towards making the Library an even more outstanding institution than it is now. During the past year, as in other years, it has rendered service to scholars and students from all over the world. Some new publications were brought out and others are in course of being printed.

The International Centre of Theosophical Studies has been renamed 'School of the Wisdom', since the latter name conveys more clearly what the studies in the school seek to achieve. During the year there were two terms. The first of them was under the direction of Mrs Seetha Neelakantan who took up the study of *The Secret Doctrine* and also gave a short course on certain aspects of the *Bhagavad Gita*. During the second term students had the privilege of studying under Mr A.R. Bakshi who

correlated the teachings of *The Secret Doctrine* with the thought of the Vedas, Upanishads and other Indian texts. Extra-mural lectures took place during both terms and were much appreciated by those who could not attend the regular courses during the day.

The Theosophical Publishing House and the Vasanta Press made a great effort to bring back into print books which had been out of print for a long time. Twenty-four titles were processed and printed in 1985 and the Manager of the Publishing House, Mr R. Gopalaratnam, expects to clear all arrears by next year. Letters have been received expressing appreciation of the new, bright-looking covers of the T.P.H. books which were designed by Mrs Manizé Sait and Miss Çarin Citroen, both of whom are doing this work as a labour of love. The scheme of life-subscriptions for THE THEOSOPHIST has evoked a good response and we hope that a time will come when many or most of the members in the English-speaking areas will take a life-subscription. *The Adyar Newsletter* is meant to be a link between Lodges and members and the International Headquarters and it is hoped it will have a wider circulation in the future.

I have to mention a very unfortunate event about which some reports have already appeared. While preparing to close the accounts for 1984-85, it was found that a clever fraud had been continually practised by one or more of the staff of the Treasury Department for about a decade. The matter was reported to the police and according to them they have recovered a substantial amount of property. Investigations are still going on. We have appointed a reputable firm of

auditors to take over the regular audit and also to probe into the whole matter and advise us on measures which will provide better safeguards. The General Council has been apprised of the position.

In spite of the losses, progress has been made in the plans for improving Adyar. Delegates may have noticed that some new cottages have been built in Besant Gardens and the construction of walls to protect the boundaries of our estate is going on. During the coming year there is a plan to waterproof the roofs of a number of buildings which, being old, are in need of repair. Electric wires which interfere with the growth of trees and are unsightly have always been a problem for the Garden Department. It is proposed in a phased programme to put the wires underground. A beginning will be made during the coming year with a generous donation made available by Mrs Norina Sastry in memory of Mr Yagnesvara Sastry who loved the garden and tended it with such great care. Others who love the trees and gardens at Adyar may follow suit.

During the Convention, the foundation stone will be laid for a new building for the Theosophical Publishing House in Besant Gardens. The present building is overcrowded because both the Treasury Department and the General Manager's office occupy the entire top floor of the building which was meant for the T.P.H. When the department is able to move to its new building near the Press, there will be much needed space available for the Archives which, naturally, is growing year by year.

Mr C. Seshadri, the International Secretary of the Theosophical Order of Service, reports that the past year has seen

the emergence of an encouraging degree of mutual co-operation and interaction between the various national units and other groups of the Order. He says that in India alone there are 77 active centres, and in Europe, America, Australia and other places there is much more activity in relieving suffering than perhaps most members are aware of. The Theosophical Order of Service, though not forming an official part of the Theosophical Society, is yet a most important activity for it is a manifest expression of the brotherhood we proclaim and a means of contact with all those who have a humanitarian and philanthropic spirit. The fact that people in England, France, Germany and New Zealand have financed welfare work at Adyar and Varanasi, provided help for a clinic for the victims of the gas tragedy in Bhopal and made possible the digging of tube-wells in a remote village of Bihar and a blindness prevention programme in Mysore augurs well for co-operation in the future.

The H.P.B. Hostel at Adyar has improved a great deal under the care of Mr and Mrs S.N. Muni Rao and we have therefore been able to admit more children. Work in the new Social Welfare Centre, which was inaugurated last year, has also made progress. We are trying to recruit volunteers to give even part-time service in order to develop the centre. Any persons interested in the work should get in touch with Mrs Surendra Narayan, who is the President, or Mr C. Seshadri who is the Secretary.

A problem encountered last year was that some would-be workers from abroad could not obtain visas to stay in India because of restrictions placed by the Government of India after the events of

last year in the country. However with the kind help of Mr Achyut Patwardhan, a good friend of the Society, we were able to make contact with the Minister and officials concerned, and the Government has considered the needs of the Society very sympathetically.

There have been the following changes in the Staff at Adyar. Mr D.V. Subramanyam has been appointed Security Officer in the place of Mr Sambasivan whose assistance was needed in the Maintenance Department. Mr A. Suryanarayan Moorti is now Editor-in-Chief at the T.P.H. in the place of Mr C.R.N. Swamy who has taken charge of the Archives. Mr N. Janakiram was appointed as Assistant Secretary in the place of Mr F.M.G. Sayeed, who took a job elsewhere. Mr B.K. Rao took over from Mr Janakiram as Manager of the Vasanta Press. We regret the passing away of Prof. H.E. Hakim, who was to return to Adyar to resume work. For a number of years he was Information Officer at Adyar and also National Lecturer of the Indian Section.

The many aspects of the work impose heavy responsibilities on the International Officers. Every year, for a few months, I have necessarily to be out of India. This year I visited Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Tokyo and Pakistan, besides going to important functions within India. My task would be impossible without the great help and strength that is available in the presence of the Vice-President, Mr Surendra Narayan, at Adyar. I take this opportunity of thanking him and my other colleagues for their warm co-operation and dedication.

RADHA BURNIER

TREASURER'S REPORT

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

TREASURER'S REPORT

I regret to have to inform the General Council that it has not been possible to prepare and present the final accounts for the year ended 30 September 1985 with the Balance Sheet as on that date. As the accounts of the year were being closed, it came to light that manipulation of accounts by one or more of the staff in the Treasury had been occurring during the past decade, leading to considerable defalcations. An immediate departmental scrutiny was instituted. This is being followed by an investigative audit by Messrs Fraser and Ross, a reputed firm of Chartered Accountants, who have also been requested to suggest controls and procedures which will provide more effective safeguards for the future. The defalcation was reported to the police and the police have informed us that they have been able to recover a substantial amount of property. Their investigation is still going on. The quantum of net loss on account of the fraud will be known only when we are in a position to present the accounts audited by the new firm of auditors.

Though the defalcation is likely to retard to some extent the progress of the plans envisaged, there is no need to be unduly alarmed. The General Fund stood at Rs. 9,817,154 as against Rs. 8,672,310 as on 30 September 1984. This is of course before adjusting the deficit that may result when the years' accounts are finalized. The total of the Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund and John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund put together stood at Rs. 6,557,429 as on 30 September 1985 as against Rs. 6,487,102 as on 30 September 1984. It is also to be noted that the Long Term Deposits stood at Rs. 8,494,930 on 30 September 1985 as against Rs. 8,305,992 at the end of last year.

The budget for 1985-86 is presented on the basis of the available departmental results for 1984-85 and the figures of the previous year.

(Miss) TJIOE SIANG NIO
Hon. Treasurer

I. ADYAR BESANT COMMEMORATIVE FUND

INVESTMENTS

(as on 3-9-1985)

S.No.	Particulars	Amount Rs.
1.	11 % Bank of India, Madras, Deposits	50,000
2.	11 % Grindlays Bank, Madras, Deposits	252,000
3.	11½ % Madras Central Co-operative Bank Deposits	50,000
4.	10 % Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	20,000
5.	11 % Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	1,621,000
6.	14½ % Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. Deposits	500,000
7.	14½ % Steel Authority of India Ltd. Deposits	1,000,000
8.	14½ % Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. Deposits	300,000
9.	14½ % Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited Deposits	500,000
10.	14½ % Bharat Electronics Limited Deposits	500,000
11.	14½ % Cement Corporation of India Ltd. Deposits	500,000
12.	14½ % Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. Deposits	400,000
13.	4 % Canadian Pacific Railway Co. Debenture Stock	45,000
		<hr/> 5,738,000

II. JOHN COATS ADYAR CENTENARY FUND

INVESTMENTS

1.	11 % Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	587,000
2.	11 % Grindlays Bank, Madras, Deposits	230,000
		<hr/> 817,000

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

		1983-84	1984-85
		Rs.	Rs.
The Theosophical Society in Argentina	...	5,556	—
"	Australia	—	*24,185
"	Austria	2,800	2,791
"	Belgium	5,326	4,619
"	Brazil	4,592	7,712
"	Canada	2,582	486
"	Canadian Federation	576	—
"	Central America	1,257	1,488
"	Chile	2,459	939
"	Colombia	679	*4,765
"	Denmark	—	—
"	East & Central Africa	—	—
"	England	19,034	19,231
"	Finland	4,296	6,485
"	France	17,459	17,018
"	Germany	4,589	4,482
"	Iceland	1,997	2,419
"	India	—	*31,772
"	Indonesia	2,059	2,209
"	Italy	16,374	—
"	Mexico	—	2,118
"	Netherlands	—	*55,449
"	New Zealand	6,215	5,180
"	Norway	1,437	—
"	Philippines	2,210	1,637
"	Portugal	500	461
"	Puerto Rico	2,816	2,712
"	Southern Africa	2,787	873
"	Spain	464	1,569
"	Sweden	—	*4,198
"	Switzerland	3,568	1,681
"	Uruguay	—	2,940
"	U.S.A.	131,414	105,780
"	Wales	359	385
"	West Africa	—	1,419
"	Yugoslavia	354	—
Lodges attached to Adyar	...	3,270	3,633
Fellows at large	...	608	1,072
		<u>247,547</u>	<u>321,708</u>

*Includes dues for previous year

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

BUDGET FOR 1985-86

EXPENDITURE

INCOME

	Rs.
Special Departments:	
Adyar Library ...	195,700
Bhojanasala ...	77,500
Garden Department ...	195,400
Leadbeater Chambers ...	59,200
Maintenance Department ...	779,500
Adyar Newsletter ...	13,600
The Theosophist ...	159,200
Theosophical Publishing House ...	262,400
Vasanta Press ...	313,950
School of The Wisdom ...	11,000
Social Welfare Centre ...	10,000
Circulars etc. to General Secretaries ...	4,000
Contribution to Olcott Schools ...	30,000
Deepavali Gift ...	22,000
Deposit Linked Insurance ...	2,800
Dispensary ...	20,000
Estate Management ...	21,000
Fire Insurance ...	4,000
Headquarters Department ...	23,000
Information and Public Relations Department ...	4,000
Insurance Fund Administration ...	600
International Offices ...	65,000
Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	7,000
Legal and Audit Expenses ...	35,000
Miscellaneous ...	12,000
Motor Cars Maintenance ...	15,000
Movable Properties Department ...	35,000
Museum & Archives ...	15,000
Postage, Telegrams and Telephones ...	20,000
Printing and Stationery ...	25,000
P.F. Administration ...	2,500
Retirement Allowance ...	31,000
Sanitary Department ...	12,000
Security Department ...	230,000
Taxes ...	40,000
Travelling and Conveyance ...	5,000
Provisions: For Gratuity ...	15,000
For Adyar Library Centenary ...	40,000
Depreciation on Assets ...	180,000
Surplus on the Adyar Newsletter taken direct to T.P.H. Balance Sheet ...	400
	2,993,750

	Rs.
Special Departments:	
Adyar Library ...	21,000
Bhojanasala ...	70,500
Garden Department ...	159,500
Leadbeater Chambers ...	40,000
Maintenance Department ...	254,700
Adyar Newsletter ...	14,000
The Theosophist ...	115,804
Theosophical Publishing House ...	481,200
Vasanta Press ...	218,608
Donations ...	30,000
Fees and Dues ...	200,000
Interest (Gross) ...	1,050,000
Licence Fee ...	60,000
Overhead Charges ...	10,000
*Quarters Maintenance ...	139,100
Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	85,942
Add: Deficit on the Theosophist taken direct to T.P.H. Balance Sheet ...	43,396

* Quarters Maintenance includes net collection from Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Chambers besides the General Recoveries.

2,993,750

HEADQUARTERS

ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020, INDIA

OFFICERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS FOR 1986

Executive Committee:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Mrs Radha Burnier | <i>President</i> |
| 2. Mr Surendra Narayan | <i>Vice-President</i> |
| 3. Mrs Norma Y. Sastry | <i>Secretary</i> |
| 4. Mr S.S. Varma | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| 5. Mr C.R.N. Swamy | |
| 6. Mr Conrad Jamieson | |
| 7. Mr N. Muthuswamy | |
| 8. Mr Ch. Sankar Rao | |
| 9. Mr R. Gopalaratnam | |
| 10. Mr K. Visvanathan | |

General Manager: Mr Ch. Sankar Rao

Adyar Library: *Director:* Dr K. K. Raja

Librarian: Mrs Seetha Neelakantan

Archives: Mr C.R.N. Swamy

Bhojanasala: Mr K. Ramanathan

Bookshop: Mr C. Seshadri

Garden Department: Mr Conrad Jamieson

Information Officer: Mr C. Seshadri

Leadbeater Chambers: Mrs Helen Jamieson

Maintenance Department: Mr R. M. Tolani

Medical and Sanitary Department: Dr S. V. Joseph

Movable Properties Department: Mr S. M. Amarnath Rao

School of the Wisdom: Mrs Seetha Neelakantan

Security Department: Mr D. V. Subramaniam

Theosophical Publishing House: *Manager:* Mr R. Gopalaratnam

Editor: Mr A. Suryanarayan Moorti

The Theosophist: *Assistant Editor:* Mr John Clarke

Vasanta Press: *Manager:* Mr B. K. Rao

THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

Last year's report mentioned that we have thirty titles under various stages of printing. I am glad to report that out of these, twenty-four titles have been printed. They are: *The Astral Plane*, *The Golden Rules of Buddhism*, *Kundalini*, *Concentration*, *The Riddle of Life*, *Hints on the Study of the Bhagavad Gita*, *The Noble Eightfold Path*, *Dreams*, *The Devachanic Plane*, *The Voice of the Silence*, *The Bhagavad Gita* (text and translation), *Meditation on the Path and Its Qualifications*, *The Masters*, *The Ultimate Reality and Realization*, *The Technique of the Spiritual Life*, *The Eternal Light*, *Theosophy and the Theosophical Society*, *Human Regeneration*, *Seven Great Religions*, *In the Outer Court*, *Laws of the Higher Life*, *Occult Powers in Nature and Man*, *Into the Fourth Dimension*, and *Reincarnation*.

Titles that are in advanced stages of printing are: *The Hidden Side of Things*, *The Hidden Wisdom in the Holy Bible*, vol. 2, *The Supreme Splendour*, *The Mirror of Life and Death*, *Saundaryalahari*, *Man's Supersensory and Spiritual Powers*, *A Textbook of Theosophy*, *Truth, Beauty and Goodness*, and *No Other Path to Go*.

Further we are to print 25 more titles. We are trying to clear the backlog of out-of-print books by 1986 and catch up with the normal printing programme. As 1986

is the Adyar Library Centenary Year, plans are afoot to bring out a few special publications of the Adyar Library.

We have received appreciative letters about the attractive cover designs of the new reprints. In addition to Mrs Manize Sait of Bombay, Miss Caria Citroen, the President's private secretary, is also helping in designing the jacket covers. We thank them for their help.

The Life Subscription scheme for *The Theosophist* has evoked a good response from the subscribers and we hope that in the coming year more members will become Life Subscribers.

Of the 1,500 Lodges around the world, hardly 25% subscribe to *The Theosophist*. We request the General Secretaries of the Sections to try and persuade more Lodges to subscribe to the magazine, which is the official organ of the President. Over the years, the Lodge library stocking the volumes of *The Theosophist* will benefit new members as well. This equally applies to the *Adyar Newsletter*.

Our sales registered an upward trend during the year. With more publicity and mailing of price-lists, we hope to increase the sales further in the coming years.

MR R. GOPALARATNAM
Manager

ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

It is my privilege this year to present the Annual Report of the library. As Mrs Lakshmi Narayanaswami left India on extended leave, I once again took over the office of Librarian from 15 May 1985. The Adyar Library completes one hundred years of its founding on 28th December 1986. It is proposed to celebrate 1985-86 as the centenary year and

various programmes are being planned to be held during the year. There will be a formal inauguration of the Centenary year on 28 December 1985 during the International Convention of the Theosophical Society. It may be noted that the founder of the library was the President-Founder of the Society and the library is an integral part of the Society and

is supported financially and otherwise by its members and sympathizers.

An important feature of the special programme to be organized during the Centenary year are Colloquia where eminent scholars—traditional as well as modern—will be participants. This has been made possible because of a grant from the Ford Foundation. The theme chosen is 'Problems of Communication'.

Publications:

Besides vol. 48 for 1984 of the *Brahma-vidyā*, the Bulletin of the Adyar Library, *Nītidviṣṣṭikā* of Sundarapārṇava, a compendium of 120 verses of wise sayings, edited by Dr S. Jayasree; *Vedāntaparibhāṣa* of Dharmarāja, second reprint of the text with translation; and reprint of *Daṣopaniṣads* vol. I, were released during the year.

We are glad to report that vol. 3 of *Samgītaratnākara* on Tāla and Vādyā (Rhythms and Instruments) revised by Smt. S. Sarada; *Virāṭaparvanamāṇipravālam*, being a poem in Tamil-Sanskrit Mani-pravālam style dealing with the story of *Virāṭaparvan* of the *Mahābhārata*, and an old Tamil translation of Vidyāraṇya's *Jīvanmuktiviveka* are almost completed and will be released shortly.

The bulletin has 130 subscriptions and 110 exchanges.

Services Rendered:

Since the library offered photocopying facilities, there has been an increase in the supply of such copies of Paper MSS. and books. Photocopies of 24 MSS. and 17,737 frames from books and journals, and photostat copies of 1 Palmleaf MS., besides Microfilms of 3 books were supplied to research scholars on request. Copies of 1,927 documents and archival material were supplied to the various departments of the Theosophical Society.

Repair and Preservation:

During the year 518 books and pamphlets were repaired, 9 volumes of journals were bound and 5 books were laminated.

Acquisition and Cataloguing: Books:

During the year 1,387 books were added to the collection. Out of these 196 were purchased through Government grant, and 45 through allotment from the Theosophical Society; 8 were on exchange basis, 61 were review books and the rest were gifts from: The International Presidents' Office, The Theosophical Society—65; Mr M. Srinivas—129; Prof. R. Thangaswami—129; Miss Sarojini Chenchiah—95; Korean Embassy—33; Mr N.C. Ramanujachary—29; Mr K.N. Venkataraman—27; Mr S.P. Kanai—27; Nehru Memorial Museum, New Delhi—25; and Concord Grove Press—25.

Out of these 870 have been catalogued and put on the shelves.

We also express our appreciation and thanks to the following who continue to send as complimentary copies their new publications to the library: The Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar—49; London—1; Wheaton—29; and The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, Ojai, Calif., U.S.A.—20 (Braille books).

Manuscripts:

Thirty-three MSS.—all in Telugu script—were given to the library by Mr V. Ramanujachari of Hyderabad. The cataloguing of these as well as those donated by Dr N. Akhujkar and Mrs V. Raghavan is progressing.

Grants in aid:

The Ministry of Education and Culture, Government of India, as in the previous years, sanctioned a grant of Rs. 25,000 towards purchase of books and equipment which made it possible for the library to purchase 26 units of steel

shelves, 2 units of Membership Card Index Drawers and 2 Table fans for repair section.

The Department of Culture, Government of India, also sanctioned under the scheme of Financial Assistance for the preservation of Manuscripts during 1984-85, Rs. 49,500 being 75% of the total expenditure, the other 25% being a contribution from the Adyar Library. Under this scheme: 1. A descriptive survey of the Astronomical and Astrological literature of Kerala and 2. An annotated bibliography of the Prābhākara school of Mimāṃsā philosophy have been undertaken by Dr K.V. Sarma and Dr E.R. Sreekrishna Sarma respectively.

Works Used:

The library has 569 readers, 208 borrowers from the city and 72 resident borrowers.

1,415 MSS., 17,205 books and journals were consulted in the library premises, while 26,708 books and 627 MSS. were used by the Pandits in the research section. 5,472 books were loaned out.

Research Scholars:

Four research scholars attached to the library continued their studies for their theses, guided by Dr K. Kunjunni Raja. As in the past a number of students, professors and scholars within and outside India used the library's valuable collections. Those from India numbering 58 were from various Universities in Madras, Varanasi, Bihar, Gujarat, Lucknow, Gauhati, Mysore, Madurai, Delhi, etc.

Among overseas scholars the following may be mentioned: Prof. S.A. Srinivasan,

University of Hamburg, West Germany, as Honorary Research Fellow; Dr Ronald Neufeldt, Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Calgary University, Canada; Mr John Taber, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, USA; Dr Madhav M. Deshpande, Michigan University, U.S.A.; Prof. Sibjivan Bhattacharya, Calcutta, India; Prof R. Radhakrishnan, Department of Linguistics, University of Calgary, Canada; Mrs K.I. Koppedrayar, McMaster University, Quebec, Canada; Mr Thomas Manninezath, McMaster University, Canada; Dr & Mrs (Dr) Jayendera Soni, Department of Religious Studies, McMaster University, Canada; Mr Phramaha Somehai Prohmsvwan, Mahachula Buddhist University, Bangkok, Thailand; and Prof. V.G. Joshi, Ford Foundation, New Delhi.

Visitors:

Amongst the large number of visitors who visited the library mention may be made of: Mr N. Krassikov, Vice-Consul of U.S.S.R. in Madras; Messrs Radoslav Bratic and Dusvo Novavovic of Belgrade; Prof. S. Chandrasekhar, Raman Institute, Bangalore; Dr (Mrs) Anindita N. Balslev of Denmark; Mr Ashin Das Gupta, National Library, Calcutta; Dr M. Sivakumaraswamy of Bangalore; Mr K.P. Jog of Pune; Dr Joanna Williams of Ford Foundation, New Delhi; Mr. M.K. Mangalmurti, Ambassador Designate to Cuba; Mr L.L. Mehrotra, Ambassador Designate to Yugoslavia; and Mr Francis Brunel, Paris.

MRS SEETHA NEELAKANTAN
Librarian

SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

The first term opened on 1st October 1984 and the Director of Studies for this term was Mr Rohit Mehta as Mrs Seetha Neelakantan, the Director, was out of India on a lecture tour. The theme was: Theosophy, the Basis of Yoga-Psychology. Besides regular lectures by Mr Mehta on this theme, there were also talks on the history of the Theosophical Society, its aims and objectives, contributions by its various Presidents, etc. A special feature this year was that a number of extramural lectures was arranged by speakers eminent in their fields, on current trends in Science and Psychology, besides aspects of Eastern and Western philosophical thought. Musical evenings were arranged from time to time.

There were 22 regular students mostly from India, besides a number of observers. Full as well as partial scholarships were given to a number of students. The School was also able to meet part of the travel expenses of a member from Sweden.

During the second term, January-March 1985, there were short courses, as in the past. Mrs Neelakantan, the Director, gave a two-week seminar on the Awakening of Bodhi (Intelligence)

based on the *Gita*. The International Vice-President, Mr Surendra Narayan led a course on Theosophy—A Living Wisdom. Mr. C.R.N. Swamy presented talks on Initiation, Path to Perfection, and Mr A. Suryanarayan Moorti gave a two-week course on 'Some Aspects of Consciousness'.

In the afternoons, as in the past, Mrs Neelakantan continued the study of *The Secret Doctrine*. The average attendance for all these classes was about 25.

Extramural lectures were continued this term too. The School had the privilege of arranging three such public lectures by Dr Henryk Skolimovski, well-known author and ecologist on 'Mind and the Becoming of the Universe'. Dr Prof. T. M. Srinivasan, Head of the Bio-Medical Engineering Department, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, was invited to present two talks, one an illustrated one on 'Health fields and Human fields' and the other on 'Mind and Consciousness'. These extramural lectures, widely publicized, attracted many from the public.

MRS SEETHA NEELAKANTAN
Director

THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE

The Theosophical Order of Service, though not officially a part of the T.S., is yet a most important unit, having a direct bearing on the work of the Society, in which many T.S. members and sympathizers are active participants.

The past year has seen the emergence of an encouraging degree of mutual co-operation and interaction between such Sections as Australia, England, India, Spain, Switzerland and the U.S.A.

In India, the H. P. B. Hostel at Adyar, the Olcott Memorial Schools, the welfare work at Varanasi, a homeopathic clinic for the gas tragedy victims at Bhopal, a blindness prevention programme for school children at Mysore, and tubewells in a remote Bihar village were financed by the T.O.S. in England, France, Germany and New Zealand.

Four Sections—Australia, India, Spain and the U.S.A.—reported fresh impetus

in their welfare activities. Those in East and Central Africa, England and France report busy years, while Norway and Scotland are considering the inception of T.O.S. work.

A member of the Australian Section, Stella Cornelius, was appointed by her Government to be the Director of the Secretariat for the 1986 International Year of Peace. The T.O.S. quarterly publication in the U.S.A. numbers no less than 66 pages, whilst in India there are now 77 active centres of service.

Visualising the T.O.S. becoming a network of people united in compassion

and generosity, keeping abreast of the needs of less fortunate brothers and sisters by means of intercommunication, Mrs Madge Hooper, Chairman of the English Section, says: 'Individuals in the rich Northern Hemisphere must cut down on luxuries, economize in life-style and give all the help possible to those organizations helping the helpless to be able to help themselves.' Such sentiments augur well for the future, and we must hope that the trend towards such international co-operation will grow and develop in the years ahead.

MR C. SESHADRI
International Secretary

T. S. ARCHIVES

Miss R. Padmini handed over charge of the T.S. Archives to Mr C.R.N. Swamy on 25 June 1985.

In connection with the Centenary of the Indian National Congress, the Archives supplied valuable photographs and other documents for the preparation of articles for newspapers and other periodicals and audio-visual material for the radio and television, highlighting the part played by the Founders, Madame Blavatsky and Colonel Olcott, and other early leaders of the Society like A.O. Hume, Dr Besant, Dr Arundale, B.P. Wadia, and many others in India's struggle for freedom.

Much material was also supplied for a Government of India film on J. Krishnamurti, a part of the film being shot in the premises of the T.S. Archives.

Copies of a large number of photographs of Dr Besant and her associates were also

supplied to Dr Marilyn E. Lees of the Centre for South and Southeast Asian Studies of the University of California in connection with a project for a film to be produced on Dr Besant in America.

There were the usual requests for information as well as for copies of photographs, letters and other documents relating to various personalities and organizations associated with the Theosophical Society, particularly in its early days. These requests were met as far as possible. At the moment, requests are being processed for suitable material for use in the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Kalakshetra.

Photographs and other materials concerning the Adyar Library and Research Centre are being collected for use in connection with the celebration of the Centenary of the Adyar Library during 1986, with possibly an Exhibition during the Special Convention of the Theosophical Society in December 1986.

Much of the precious materials in the Archives need urgent attention for preservation by way of lamination and microfilming, and the various catalogues of the Archives have to be type-copied for preparation of new up-to-date catalogues. An Alphabetical Index of the contents of the Archives is also to be prepared, showing the location of each item, for easy reference. No lamination or fumigation work was done during the

year because of the lack of necessary staff. The preservation of archival materials with chemicals is being done at regular intervals.

There is urgent need for additional steel cupboards and cabinets, for which provision has been made in the budget for 1985-86.

MR C.R.N. SWAMY
Officer-in-Charge

		No. of Lodges		No. of Members	
		1984		1985	
1.	Africa, East & Central	27	1,039	34	1,200
2.	Africa, South	6	298	7	341
3.	Africa, West	12	561	13	600
4.	America, Central	11	161	12	170
5.	Argentina	11	606	12	600
6.	Australia	13	1,252	14	1,341
7.	Austria	4	207	5	200
8.	Belgium	8	152	9	154
9.	Bolivia	3	20	4	20
10.	Brazil	16	309	17	312
11.	Burma	6	88	7	94
12.	Canada	11	272	12	284
13.	Canadian Federation	8	89	9	96
14.	Chile	6	71	7	73
15.	Colombia	8	158	9	161
16.	Cuba	10	474	11	487
17.	Denmark	18	258	19	261
18.	England	21	1,064	22	1,071
19.	Finland	20	469	21	472
20.	France	21	1,016	22	1,021
21.	Germany, West	8	262	9	265
22.	Greece	8	227	9	230
23.	Iceland	10	391	11	394
24.	India	482	9,448	493	9,541
25.	Indonesian	19	652	20	655
26.	Iran	1	10	2	20
27.	Italy	1	10	2	20
28.	Japan	2	38	3	38
29.	Korea	1	22	2	22
30.	Latin America	1	10	2	20
31.	Malaysia	1	10	2	20
32.	Netherlands	1	10	2	20
33.	Norway	1	10	2	20
34.	Philippines	1	10	2	20
35.	Poland	1	10	2	20
36.	Portugal	1	10	2	20
37.	Russia	1	10	2	20
38.	Scandinavia	1	10	2	20
39.	Spain	1	10	2	20
40.	Sweden	1	10	2	20
41.	Switzerland	1	10	2	20
42.	United States of America	1	10	2	20
43.	Various	1	10	2	20
44.	Yugoslavia	1	10	2	20
45.	Wales	1	10	2	20
46.	Various	1	10	2	20
47.	Various	1	10	2	20
48.	Various	1	10	2	20
49.	Various	1	10	2	20
50.	Various	1	10	2	20
51.	Various	1	10	2	20
52.	Various	1	10	2	20
53.	Various	1	10	2	20
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59.	Various	1	10	2	20
60.	Various	1	10	2	20
61.	Various	1	10	2	20
62.	Various	1	10	2	20
63.	Various	1	10	2	20
64.	Various	1	10	2	20
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SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1985

National Sections (Active)	40
Presidential Agencies (Active)	5
Regional Associations formed under Rule 35 (c)	3
Total Lodges and Study Centres	1,200
Total Membership 1984	34,241
Total Membership 1985	33,089

	No. of Lodges & Study Centres	No. of Members
1. Africa, East & Central	27	1,059
2. Africa, South	6	299
3. Africa, West	12	361
4. America, Central	11	161
5. Argentina	31	606
6. Australia	13	1,251
7. Austria	4	203
8. Belgium	8	153
9. Bolivia	3	20
10. Brazil	36	809
11. Burma	6	88
12. Canada	11	272
13. Canadian Federation	8	89
14. Chile	6	71
15. Colombia	8	128
16. Cuba	19	474
17. Denmark	18	556
18. England	71	1,664
19. Finland	20	469
20. France	31	1,016
21. Germany, West	8	263
22. Greece	8	227
23. Iceland	10	394
24. India	452	9,948
25. Indonesia	19	622

	No. of Lodges & Study Centres	No. of Members
26. Ireland, N.	3	48
27. Ireland, Rep. of	1	64
28. Italy	38	1,165
29. Malaysia	3	80
30. Mexico	11	185
31. Netherlands, The	20	795
32. New Zealand	16	1,624
33. Norway	5	85
34. Pakistan	4	266 (1983)
35. Philippines, The	13	290
36. Portugal	12	284
37. Puerto Rico	3	131
38. Scotland	7	189
39. Spain	15	628
40. Sri Lanka	8	126
41. Sweden	6	266
42. Switzerland	7	144
43. United States of America	152	4,872
44. Uruguay	7	90
45. Venezuela	2	72
46. Wales	2	75
47. Yugoslavia	3	54
48. Lodges attached directly to Adyar		
Bangladesh	1	46
Cameroon	1	73
Hong Kong	1	15 (1983)
Israel	2	39
Japan	2	38
Korea	1	22
Peru	5	58 (1982)
Singapore	2	52
Suriname	1	10
Total	1,200	33,089

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES OF NATIONAL SOCIETIES, PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES, REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, FEDERATION SECRETARIES, ETC.

(Where necessary, reports have been translated,
edited or condensed.)

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES

AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

The East African Section which comprises Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and Uganda had a successful year of theosophical work. Ugandan Lodges had no activities due to the political unrest there, though some members attended the conventions.

Of the 27 Lodges in the three territories, 22 are active at present—Kenya (9), Tanzania (7) and Zambia (6). Total membership of the Section was 1,059 on 30.10.1985. There is a decrease in membership mostly resulting from Asian members emigrating to the U.K. or U.S.A. But against this there is a steady increase of African members.

The 33rd Annual Convention of the Section was held at Dar-es-Salaam 5-7 April 1985. Regular seminars, workshops and conventions are held in the Section.

Our National Lecturer, Mr Reuben Thuku, visited all the Lodges and made a tremendous impact. He also appeared on TV, radio and press in all the three

countries. The pace at which he has been able to propagate Theosophy is remarkable and I can say that very soon we shall have many African members. The light of Theosophy should be carried by the Africans in Africa and I am seeing real progress in this direction. For the first time Mr Thuku will be visiting Zimbabwe in November 1985 and giving eight talks.

Mr Robertson-Dunn, National Director of the T.O.S., is working for a steady increase of activities in this field.

Our Section magazine, *The Theosophical Light*, is now printed only once a year due to insufficient trained manpower and funds.

Our Section has formed two Trusts, one in Kenya and the other in Zambia, to ensure steady funds for theosophical work. We look forward to another successful year.

MR K.A. PATEL
General Secretary

AFRICA, SOUTH

Our 77th Annual Convention, held in Pretoria in April 1985, appointed a 5-member Action Committee to stimulate the work in the Section and Lodges. Some of the functions that the 'action committee' would be responsible for are: the issue of regular bulletins containing short reports of its work; suggestions and ideas for Lodges to work on; communication between members and visitors to our public lectures as well as between young and old members; video taping of good lectures which could be sent to smaller centres; training of theosophical workers; the proper and successful advertising of public lectures, etc.

The Lodges in the Section are forging ahead with their theosophical activities

in bringing the message of Theosophy to those who seek. It is with regret that I have to report the closing of Taimni Lodge in Pretoria, due to a sudden drop in its membership to below 7. We now have six active Lodges with a total membership of 299.

The two Lodges in the Cape, namely Cape Town and Port Elizabeth Lodges, were visited. Two public lectures were given which were well attended. It was good to see how enthusiastic they were in their theosophical work. It seemed my visit proved successful and helpful.

Our 1986 Convention will be held in Durban.

MR ARTHUR BUNTON
General Secretary

AMERICA, CENTRAL

No Report

ARGENTINA

In September, Mr Manuel Farinich, President of the Inter-American Federation, and Mr Jaun Carlos Palmeri, General Secretary, left for Olcott to attend the conference of inter-American section representatives. Problems of common interest were discussed and plans for publication of books and exchange of guest speakers were made.

A training workshop was held in Buenos Aires in January and in Rosario in July, coordinated by Mrs Nora Spairani.

The Information Department has brought out a catalogue of audio and video material for members and non-members.

In each Lodge there is a cultural department with a secretary and sub-committee to plan activities for the public including lectures, study courses and seminars. The courses will proceed by degrees and the study will be developed during a three-year period. We hope that this will enable students to under-

stand Theosophy in an orderly way.

All new members receive introductory letters for 18 months after joining.

We are reorganizing our publishing house. Two new study guides for *The Secret Doctrine* have been prepared. Two small booklets have been brought out in addition, dealing with dreams and 'life and death'.

Our 23rd Summer School was held in the theosophical colony at San Rafael with an attendance of 77. A meeting of young members organized by Ishvara Lodge of Buenos Aires was also held there. A kitchen and dining room are under construction in the colony in spite of the unfavourable economic situation because of the enthusiasm of the members.

During the year the charters of three Lodges were withdrawn. Up to now we have a membership of 606 in 26 Lodges and five groups.

MR JUAN CARLOS PALMERI
General Secretary

AUSTRALIA

During the past year the Australian Section has, once again, seen new growth and positive changes. At Headquarters the staff has continued to work diligently, and we have received much assistance from volunteer workers.

The biggest change for the Section has been the sale of our building in North Sydney. Our Treasurer, Dr Hugh Murdoch, has been invaluable assisted by

Messrs. Charles Hulley and George Morrison during the many months of negotiations. We have purchased a new building in the heart of the city of Sydney, and will remain tenants in the North Sydney building until the new building has been completely refurbished.

The Annual National Convention was held at Canberra, and over 100 people attended, including members from Eng-

land and New Zealand. The Guest Speaker was our International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, and the theme of the Convention was 'Theosophy—Crossroads of East and West'.

The highlight of the year was the visit of our International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, for not only was she guest at the Convention, but she toured the Section and presented lectures at the major centres.

In general, the Lodges and groups all remain active and stable, with some Lodges showing signs of expansion. The Gold Coast Lodge which was formed only last year has already tripled its membership and has a variety of activities. The activities of the larger Lodges centre on lectures, forums and study groups whereas the smaller groups depend more on discussion and study meetings.

Four new groups have been formed during the past six months. The first was in the Blue Mountains just west of Sydney, the second at Darwin in the Northern Territory, the third at Mt Eliza on the Mornington Peninsula, south-west of Melbourne, and the fourth at Latrobe near Devonport in Tasmania. Membership in the Section increased by 34 and now stands at 1,251.

One or two-day seminars have been used by most of the Lodges and groups as a special form of activity which allows for a more in-depth look at subjects, and can also provide a more relaxed atmosphere in which members can get to know one another better.

Mr Phil Harris of Perth was elected for a third term of office as National Lecturer. Members from various Lodges have presented lectures at other Lodges, with special thanks going to Mr Charles Marsh of Blavatsky Lodge and Mr Fred Whittle of Melbourne Lodge for their special endeavours. As General Secretary

I have managed to visit most of the Lodges and groups throughout the Section.

The various functions of Headquarters included the provision of information and material such as leaflets, cassettes and study courses. Contact Letters have been sent monthly to Lodge and group Presidents and quarterly to National Members. An average of 230 Letters to New Members has been sent each month and ten people have enrolled in the Correspondence Course.

Our journal, *Theosophy in Australia*, has continued to be published monthly. The Quest Book Agency which is operated by the Australian Section continues to supply books, not only to the bookshops owned by our Lodges but also to many commercial bookshops.

Other activities include the Theosophy-Science Group which links together members interested in the various fields of science; the Theosophical Order of Service which is very active in many of the Lodges; the Round Table which has two very active centres in Adelaide and Sydney.

Even though some Lodges or groups have specific problems they have yet to overcome, there is in general a feeling of optimism throughout the Section for the work ahead. During the past year Perth Lodge has built new premises, the Launceston Lodge has carried out major repairs, and the Brisbane Lodge is now looking to carrying out major renovations to its building.

With the lifting of the financial burden the Australian Section has been carrying for some time, there is now a feeling of enthusiasm towards directing our energies to the main purpose of the Theosophical Society, and that is the dissemination of theosophical teachings through interesting but undogmatic presentations.

MISS DIANNE K. KYNASTON

General Secretary

AUSTRIA

On 30 September 1985 our Section completed the fortieth year of its activities after the interruption during World War II. It was on 1 October 1945 that a small band of members gathered here at Graz to restart theosophical work after the liberation from Nazi Germany. In Vienna our Society could begin its work only three months later.

Our Summer School at Pichl in September 1985 was attended by 35 members (19 from Austria, 5 from Germany, 5 from Switzerland, 4 from Yugoslavia and one each from France and Italy). The theme was 'Mission and Practice of Theosophy in the present time'. Representative of the European Federation was Miss Mary Anderson from Switzerland. Seven members of our Section attended the Summer School of the German Section in July, where my wife and I gave a study course on the main theme of the school, 'Theosophy, a dynamic path'.

Our presence there gave us also the opportunity to consult with the officers of

the German Section on questions of common interest, especially regarding the future of our publishing house, Adyar-Verlag. This year we published in the Adyar-Verlag (following a suggestion from our President, Mrs Radha Burnier) a new revised translation of Annie Besant's *The Seven Principles of Man* (out of print in German translation since more than 50 years), besides a fifth edition of the German translation of *Light on the Path*. As reported earlier, there is a great lack of younger members. Only 3 per cent of our members are less than 30 years while 38 per cent are over 70 years. Total membership was reduced from 214 to 203 during the year.

The only candidate for General Secretary in the coming election is my wife Mrs Margaret Lauppert, Vice-President of our Section during the last three years. As she is 21 years younger than me, I can leave my office with best wishes to her.

DR NORBERT LAUPPERT
General Secretary

BELGIUM

This report covers the period from 1.5.84 to 30.4.85. The Belgian Section had 153 members on 30.4.85, in eight branches—four in Brussels and four in the provinces (in Antwerp, Charleroi, Gent and Liege).

The four branches in Brussels studied (respectively):

1. The fundamental teachings of Theosophy.
2. *The Voice of the Silence*.
3. *The Awakening of Intelligence* by J. Krishnamurti.

4. Astrology.

The course in Theosophy, given fortnightly, had a regular attendance of about 20 persons.

Public lectures pertaining to our three Objects were given weekly, with an average attendance of 40 persons, and the theosophical days were commemorated. The library is open and books are sold before the lectures.

Thanks to the many registrations for the study course in astrology, and also to the selling of the tape-records of lectures,

nearly 88,000 francs have been collected for the benefit of the Olcott School in Adyar.

The four branches in the provinces, besides having public lectures (given weekly in Liege, monthly in Antwerp and Charleroi), have organized varied studies: among others of *The Key to Theosophy* in Antwerp, of Buddhism in Charleroi, of Astrology in Liege.

The Antwerp Branch organized in

September, with great success, the annual meeting of the Flemish Branches with the Southern Dutch Branches.

The three-day visit to the Belgian Section in June 1984 by our International President was a great and inspiring event in the life of the Section.

On the whole, this year's work has been very good.

DR H. VAN DER HECHT
General Secretary

BRAZIL

The decisions taken by the National Society with the earnest collaboration of many members resulted in increasing dissemination of Theosophy. Under the auspices of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation we had a congress and a seminar where the President of the Federation and representatives from other Latin American countries were present.

During many years our Section has held two important annual meetings: the Summer School every January and a Seminar every July, the latter dedicated to the relation between Theosophy and science. The Summer School this year gathered together 80 persons, the theme being 'The Nature of Mind and Knowing'. Besides these, our Section promotes regional meetings.

The Section organized the travel of qualified members to the northern part of the country where there are four Lodges in Salvador, Recife, Joao Pessoa and Fortaleza.

Our official organ *O Teosofista* will attain 75 years of uninterrupted publication next year. Besides this journal we have another publication named *Logos* which is the organ of the theosophical research group.

A compilation of articles and lectures by the International President Mrs Radha Burnier was brought out under the title 'The Theosophical Society Today'. Other publications were 'The Miracle of Birth' by G. Hodson; as also 'Through the Gateway of Death' and 'Reincarnation, Fact or Fallacy'.

Our Section has 38 Lodges and 8 study groups. Blavatsky Lodge was reactivated and two Lodges in Belo Horizonte and Sao Paulo were dissolved. The addition of 71 new members gives a membership figure of 874 at the end of the period under report.

The General Secretary visited various Lodges and study groups. Bro. Vicente Fiumano, also lectured in several cities and Lodges. After the visit of Mrs Betsan Coats, the Theosophical Order of Service started a definite programme in the field of ecology.

The Brazilian Youth Federation regularly met in several cities. Its President and his colleagues work in close collaboration with the Lodges and the Section.

MR JOAO BAPTISTA BRITO PINTO
General Secretary

BURMA

The number of active Lodges remains the same as in the previous year.

Olcott Lodge in Rangoon, the oldest in the country, continues to be active, with closely knit brotherhood among members representing various religions and races. The first Sunday of each month was allocated to business meetings and in the afternoon Bro. U Tin Hlaing conducted classes and discussions on theosophical subjects. In the evening group meditation was held for peace, universal happiness and goodwill. Theosophical days and Asala and Wesak were celebrated as in earlier years. Young members of the Rangoon Youth Lodge helped by decorating, preparing and serving vegetarian meals to members and visitors. They also rendered whole-hearted and useful service in our social activities.

The 72nd Annual Convention was

held on 25 November 1984 at the Section Headquarters and was well attended by members, their families and friends.

The Olcott Lodge's library has greatly improved under the able management and loving care of Bro. U Tin Hlaing. A number of valuable rare books were added during the year.

We were finally informed by the authorities that the land and buildings belonging to the Burma Educational Trust have been taken over and transferred to the Housing Board.

With deep sense of loss, I report the passing of Bro. U Aung, who was Secretary of the Olcott Lodge for a number of years, and well loved by his fellow Theosophists.

U MAUNG GYI
General Secretary

CANADA

It is said that those who fail to learn the lessons of history are doomed to repeat them. The mistakes and failures are as instructive as the successes, and if we can save our organization from falling into the same errors that have been made in the past, the results will be beneficial to the whole. Likewise, we should be following the examples of those many instances when the cause of Theosophy has been well served.

There is, however, a problem. Few members or students of Theosophy know much about the history of the Movement. A modest contribution to the early history of the Theosophical Society in America, which in those years also included Canada, has been made generally available through

the pages of *The Canadian Theosophist* over the past year. A series of letters written by Madame H. P. Blavatsky to Prof. Elliott Coues over a four-year period starting in 1885, has been published together with notes by a student of theosophical history, Michael Gomes. Appreciation for their publication has been received from all sectors of the theosophical movement.

In general, the activities of the Society in Canada follow a fairly steady pattern. The work is of course hampered by the distances between theosophical centres in this country.

Numerically, our membership shows little fluctuation from year to year. Although the Theosophical Society puts

less stress on numbers than most organizations, it should be of concern that growth has not kept pace with the growing population. Over a ten-year period there has been a noticeable increase in the proportion of members-at-large to those who are attached to Lodges.

On an encouraging note, it is a pleasure to report that the formation of a new official Study Centre was approved in October 1984. It is located in Prince George, a community in northern British Columbia.

The Home Study course has continued under the able coordination of Mrs Jean Ferguson. Her work will be taken over this year by Mrs Dorothy Armstrong, also of Victoria, British Columbia.

An important national programme which was inaugurated some twenty years ago, is still going strong. Its purpose is to donate the works of H.P. Blavatsky to Canadian university libraries. The publication every two or three years of a new volume in the *H. P. Blavatsky Collected Writings* series has kept the programme active.

The programme was extended this year to include the offer of the Collected Writings of William Q. Judge, which are published under the title, *Echoes of the Orient*.

In passing, it may be mentioned that twelve Canadian university libraries are provided with bound copies of *The Canadian Theosophist*. Three others bind their own volumes.

It would be remiss not to mention the contribution of the Lizzie Arthur Russell Theosophical Memorial Trust to the work of the Theosophical Society in Canada. In addition to greatly assisting the General Secretary and Editors of *The Canadian Theosophist*, the Trust's programmes are of a nature that they complement other activities of the Society. Among these are the provision of books to public and university libraries in Western Canada; a university scholarship; making available audio and video recordings; and reproducing and binding rare old theosophical journals.

MR TED G. DAVY
General Secretary

CHILE

The Annual Convention was held in Santiago on 28th July 1985 and the officers of the Section were elected.

The work was in the two principal cities: Santiago and Valparaiso. This year the city of Limache was added to the list. A new Lodge was started in Santiago where public lectures are broadcast by Radio Portales, the most important in

Chile. Study sessions took place in all Lodges.

A new activity is the publication of the Chilean Theosophical Bulletin. The General Secretary attended the Inter-American Conference in Wheaton.

MR MAURICIO FROMOVICH
General Secretary

COLOMBIA

In March we had the pleasure of receiving Miss Ianthe Hoskins who gave three lectures in Spanish with her very charming way of presenting the profundity of Theosophy and Raja Yoga.

Our magazine *Seleccion Teosofica* has been issued every month with carefully chosen and translated articles from *The Theosophist* and other magazines in English. Copies are mailed to other sections in case they desire to reproduce some of the articles and the rest are distributed free to members and friends in this country.

We also published this year the third series of 'Practical Notes for Students of Occultism, by Annie Besant and two new pamphlets—'Advantages of Theosophy' and 'The Role of Women in the World Today'. A Newsletter is sent every month

to all our members and a Guide Letter for new members is sent during the first 28 months.

One promising activity started this year is a weekly study group called Juvenile Theosophical Dialogues, where boys and girls are introduced to the theosophical way of life.

Our programme of Sunday public lectures has continued with regularity attracting large audiences. Two of our members manage a bookshop at our headquarters selling the books almost at cost. Approximately 580 books have been sold this year.

We now have 128 members in our eight Lodges.

MR WALTER BALLESTEROS

General Secretary

CUBA

The 80th Annual Convention was held in January with the theme 'An Access to Reality'. It had a varied programme during the three days.

The theosophical red-letter days were all celebrated and in addition the Wesak and Asala full-moon day festivals were commemorated.

Joint meetings of members from various lodges were held. Many of the lodges had active programmes of study and lectures throughout the year.

The Cuban theosophical journal con-

tinues to be published, with part of its contents from books of Dr I. K. Taimni.

To comply with our financial obligations to Adyar we have made a reserve of funds in our financial records at the rate of 15 per cent of the dues per member.

The Cuban Section is working with the purest of ideals for Theosophy in order to serve the forces of the Great White Brotherhood.

DR LELIA FERNANDEZ PAGOLA

General Secretary

DENMARK

It has been a year with increased work in our Section. One new Lodge was formed, and membership increased to 556, an increase of 52 over the previous year.

The study-seminars on 'Theosophy and Esoteric Philosophy' continued with 160 participants. We have moved to a larger school to accommodate the increase in the number of participants.

In several cities we expanded the public lectures in evening schools for

adults, which generated greater interest in Theosophy.

With the help of the NEPF (Non-English Publications Fund), we published the second volume of Geoffrey Barborka's *The Divine Plan*. We also printed *Man Visible and Invisible* by C. W. Leadbeater and still more books are to be printed in our own press.

MRS MARION BENNIS

General Secretary

ENGLAND

Attendances at meetings and seminars have been steadily maintained and in the case of Sunday public lectures, improved.

The Section has 71 Lodges and Centres including the newly-established Theosophical History Centre. Some have difficulty in surviving, others thrive and grow. The total membership is 1,664.

Some unattached members show their interest by book borrowing, attending lectures and day events at Headquarters, and in correspondence with the General Secretary and other officers of the Section.

The Self-Training Course now has 35 corresponding participants. Headquarters activities continue to increase. Classes and lectures are held nightly and at weekends, 16 different courses being held at one time.

The Convention and Summer School held at Nightingale Hall, Nottingham University, was attended by 130 participants from this Section and others of whom 103 were booked for the entire week. The theme of the School was 'The Uniqueness of Theosophy' and Miss Joy Mills was the principal Guest

Speaker. Professor John Algeo and Dr Rupert Sheldrake were also speakers.

The Blavatsky Lecture entitled 'The Absolute—The Ultimate Reality' was delivered by Dr Harry Upadhyay. Printed copies of his Blavatsky Lecture were immediately sold out on the spot and fresh supplies had to be sent for.

The Publicity Department organized 8 seminars and workshops at Headquarters. More than 60 came to hear a recital by John Ogdon, the famous pianist, the proceeds of which were given to the Infantile Hypercalcaemia Foundation.

The Information Department organized three weekends at Tekels Park and joined forces with the South-Eastern Federation for a fourth residential study weekend.

Sales through the Department of literature, badges and tapes reached nearly £2,500. Tapes comprised £1,300 of this total. In all 104 tapes were bought during the Summer School in Nottingham. Over £1,000 worth of books were sold at the Summer School. The Enquiry Room which is often the first line of contact for newcomers realized sales of £2,700 of which fully a £1,000 resulted on the

occasion of public lectures or seminars/workshops.

A new service of video-filming lectures was instituted this year at the Section's Summer School. Mr Alan Senior, of the Scottish Section, kindly undertook this function for the English Section and a selection of video-tapes will eventually be available for hire from Headquarters Library.

During the year 3,426 books were issued by the Library. Of these 1,090 were on Theosophy while 455 were on Comparative Religion, and 445 were on Western Occultism. Over 110 new books were taken into the Library during this period. There were 52 Library subscribers.

The cassette library is now based in the Library at Headquarters and the stock of over 400 cassettes is proving very popular with members and Lodges. Mr Geoffrey Farthing presented the Section Library with 13 tapes on *The Secret Doctrine*.

The Society's financial position looks healthier. The previous years' deficits have been converted into a credit for the year 1983-84. The increased subscriptions, donations and legacies have all helped. The corner has definitely been turned and it is anticipated that we will again show a small profit for the year 1984-85.

The Theosophical Journal continues to be edited by Marion Caws with technical assistance from Rosamunde Prior. The Olcott Letter produced bi-monthly alternately with the *Journal* to keep unattached members in contact with Headquarters now carries an extract in each issue from a work connected with Theosophical teaching, and this addition to the content of the Olcott Letter has proved popular

as it provides intellectual stimulus to unattached members unable to attend lectures. New efforts are being made to contact and retain new members, as far too many lapse after their first year of membership.

This year has seen changes in Tekels Park. The Guest House had a busy summer with a full house for several week-long seminars.

The Theosophical Publishing House, London, had another good year's trading and sales of books totalled £86,305.46. Two new publications have been issued: *The Occult Way* by P. G. Bowen and *Symbolic Direction in Modern Astrology* by C.E.O. Carter.

The General Secretary was invited to participate in the First Term at Adyar in the School of the Wisdom and gave several lectures. Afterwards he made a tour of Lodges in the north of India. He also lectured at the European School at Hannoversch-Munden.

Ianthe Hoskins lectured not only in Britain, France, and Germany, but also in the South American Sections and in Israel.

The Theosophical Order of Service continued its active work under the Chairmanship of Mrs Madge Hooper and distributed £1,637 to worthy causes at home and abroad.

Plans are being made to celebrate the centenary of the publication of *The Secret Doctrine* in 1988 and for this purpose a '1988 Committee' under the Chairmanship of Mrs Helen Gething, Chairman of the T.P.H., London, has been set up to look into the various possibilities available for commemorating this auspicious occasion.

The main problem of the English Section is the decreasing membership despite the increase of activities in London

and some Lodges, and the lack of middle-aged active members. There is continuing discussion as to the future of the Society and as to whether the Headquarters should be moved from 50 Gloucester Place. We would also like to extend study facilities in Tekels Park and put our theosophical message over more

effectively. We have the sources in H. P. Blavatsky, Annie Besant, Krishnamurti, and others. The problem is to make our new and potential members aware of these spiritual riches.

DR HUGH GRAY

General Secretary

FINLAND

During the year under report the Section has carried on quite actively. In October 1984 there was the 'Exhibition of Knowledge and Spirit' for the second time and the T.S. had its own exhibition room. Short lectures were given and books were sold. However, the largest newspaper of the city was quite scornful and the board of the Section decided not to take part in the exhibition next year.

There are at present 469 members of which 27 are new. The decrease from last year is due to 'cleaning up' of the members who had not paid their membership fees for several years.

The Annual Convention was held at Kreivila on 25th May with Hans Liljenstrom from Sweden as the Chief Guest. The Summer School was held in June with the theme 'Brotherhood as

an Ideal and in Practice'. Public lectures were given in Helsinki every Sunday and in 13 other towns with several guest speakers from Sweden.

There are 18 active Lodges out of which four are in Helsinki. A new study group was founded in Vaasa on the west coast.

The journal *Teosofi* was published ten times as usual. We also published C.W.L.'s *Chakras* with the financial support of the Non-English Publications Fund. The monthly bulletin for Lodges was continued.

Other activities include the Round Table and healing groups. There was a seminar at Kreivila held by Dr J. G. Haas about healing work last summer.

MRS KYLLIKKI VUORINEN

General Secretary

FRANCE

One of the main points of our work this year was the seminar organized during August and September with some delegates from African Lodges. They were 13, and their visit was sponsored by the French Section. We had together some study classes at the Headquarters,

then the Pays Latins Summer School, where twinning between some European and African Lodges was arranged. It was a great success and all the members were very enthusiastic about this arrangement. We hope to be able to invite each year one or two African members to

participate in our Summer School in Europe.

Jeanine Miller from the English Section conducted a seminar on the Vedas in February 1985, which was very well attended. Three of our members attended the School of Theosophy at Tekels Park in October 1984. It was then decided to hold a similar French 'Ecole de Theosophie' in Paris in November 1985 for French-speaking members with Miss Ianthe Hoskins and Miss Jeanine Miller as speakers.

For the third year we are printing our

magazine *Le Lotus Bleu* in our own press and also some books for the 'Editions Adyar'.

The activities go on at the Paris Headquarters and also the Lodges in the towns elsewhere. The General Secretary visited many of the Lodges and gave lectures for members and friends.

Membership now stands at 1,016, a decrease of 15 from the previous year, but many people are coming to Lodge meetings and lectures.

MRS FRANCOISE CARACOSTEA
General Secretary

GERMANY, WEST

During the last year Lodge work continued with earnestness. The number of public lectures and introductory courses for non-members increased. Spring and autumn study week-ends in North and South Germany were well attended.

The Summer School 1985 in Muenden was fully booked. Our guest of honour was Joy Mills from Krotona. Other lecturers were Prof. Algeo and Dr and Mrs Lauppert. The theme of the very harmonious Summer School was 'Theosophy—A Dynamic Path'.

The meeting of the young Theosophists at Whitsuntide was a great success. The response was so overwhelming that it will become an annual event. The library for the young people has been extended.

The General Secretary visited and lectured at several Lodges. So did other members of the Section. Prof. Algeo of the U.S.A. visited the Lodges in Hamburg and Bremen after lecturing at the Summer School. The treasurer, Anneliese Stephan,

attended the winter term 1985 of the Krotona School of Theosophy.

In March Volker Doerflinger took part as a delegate of the European Federation in the World Peace Conference in Amsterdam held on the U.N.'s 40th anniversary. He established many contacts and made the T.S. known to a larger circle of people through pamphlets and other material.

Another highlight of the year was the formation under the German Section of a T.S. Lodge named 'Isis' in Namibia (South-west Africa) consisting of German-speaking members. According to the founder of this Lodge, a second Lodge may be formed in December 1985. Of course we are happy to have these new members join our Section.

Our journal *Adyar* has a circulation of about 300 among non-members and thus helps to spread Theosophy.

The membership increased during the year to reach a total of 263.

MRS EVA MAAS
General Secretary

GREECE

The Greek Section continues its work, but we are facing financial problems and lack of interest on the part of the members. The new Lodge Besant, whose formation was announced in our last year's report, did not manage to survive. However, a new Lodge has been founded recently with the name of Apollon. So the number

of Lodges in Athens has become 6. The number of members is now 237. Our journal *Ilisos* is published every two months with 2,500 copies going to members and the public.

MR C. MELISSAROPOULOS
General Secretary

ICELAND

The work in the Section has been carried on much in the same way as before. Activity in Lodges has increased and was twice a week in Reykjavik.

Public meetings were held twice each month in Reykjavik and Akureyri. An introductory meeting to familiarize the public with the work of the Society was held on 9th February and was attended by 25 persons.

An introductory course on Theosophy, mysticism and meditation was held on five evenings and was equally well attended.

Our Summer School, held from 26 June to 1 July was attended by about 50 persons. It was quite successful with talks given by members only.

There was a decrease of 15 in our membership, which now totals 394.

Mundilfari, the Section's newsletter, was published three times during the year. We published in December the book *Vioattur* by Sigvaldi Hjalmarrsson. It contains mystical poetry in which the author looks at his own inner life.

The Section suffered a great loss in the passing away of one of its stalwarts, Mr Sigvaldi Hjalmarrsson. He was General Secretary for fourteen years and editor of the Section's magazine, *Gangleri*, for many years. From his youth he gave his heart and energy to the T.S. and it is my wish that we may acquire many such brothers.

MRS HELGA JOAKIMSDOTTIR
General Secretary

INDIA

Study and training camps during the summer continued to be the annual feature of the work of the Section. Two three-week long study camps were held at Bhowali and Adyar. A large number of study camps of shorter duration were also held throughout the Section.

Several theosophical books were published in the regional languages. There are more than 50 such books in Kannada. Much more needs to be done in this field in the other languages.

We are indebted to the International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, for

sparing sufficient time to visit several places and guiding and inspiring members. She was at the Headquarters from 2-10 October 1984, guiding studies. She presided over the annual conferences of the Marathi and Telugu Federations, besides giving lectures at Nagpur, Bangalore, Bombay and on several occasions in Madras.

The Vice-President, Mr Surendra Narayan, presided over the Kerala and Bombay Federation annual conferences in addition to the South Indian Conference. He gave several talks at Delhi and spoke at Adyar on various occasions.

I was happy to participate in the South Indian Conference and also tour some parts of the Tamil Districts. I presided over the Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan Federation sessions. Personal contacts during my visits to 19 places in several Federations proved very useful and several members gave helpful suggestions.

The four National Lecturers—Smt Malati Pandya, Dr S. Shankar Raju Naidu, Dr A. Kannan and Mr N. C. Ramanujachari—covered the entire Section in their lecture tours and conducted many study camps.

There was a decrease of 209 in the membership of the Section, bringing it down to 9,948.

The Salem Lodge generously donated Rs. 10,000 for improving water supply at the Headquarters. We sincerely thank the Lodge for this gesture which is worth emulating by others.

The work of the T.O.S. has continued as usual in the service of all who suffer. It has 19 regional branches spread all over the Section with 79 local groups functioning at diverse levels. We hope that more members will join the T.O.S. and strengthen it with their active participation in its noble cause.

The Bulletin of the Theosophy-Science Study Group in India was published regularly (six times a year) by Dr A. Kannan. The New Life for India Movement is active only in small parts of the Section. It needs the active support of the members in other parts as well.

Several Lotus Circle groups for young children have been started in different parts of the Section. The moving spirits behind this laudable work are Mr C. T. Kuttikrishnan and Dr S. Shankar Raju Naidu.

We all miss Prof. H.E. Hakim who passed away after a heart attack on 1 June 1985 in his home town of Nadiad, Gujarat. As a National Lecturer, he travelled widely and spread the message of Theosophy far and wide.

We have done well in several respects during the year under review but not so well in others. There is scope for improvement in all directions, but progress is hampered by a dearth of efficient committed workers.

Very many great changes the T.S. is intended to bring about are possible through the activities of its Lodges and the lives its members lead. Let each one of us consider how we can contribute to the all-round progress. As the *Kathopanishad* (2.5.12) puts it succinctly, 'The brave alone can realize the Self and it is only they who can wrest enduring happiness, but not others.'

Even a theoretical knowledge of our real nature will bring us humble confidence to muster up all courage and valour at our command to overcome the obstacles and help to fulfil the task which is expected of the T.S. and the Indian Section.

DR C.V. AGARWAL
General Secretary

INDONESIA

Our 22nd Annual Congress was held in Bandung from 16-18 May and about a hundred members from nine active Lodges and some sympathizers attended. The theme was 'Universal Brotherhood in our Development Programme'.

We held a summer school for the training of lecturers and leaders in Batu, East Java, in September 1985. It was attended by about 40 people and was a great success. A similar school was held at Punten (also in East Java) in 1984. It has been decided to have such programmes in Central and West Java also, the stress being on giving opportunities to younger members.

During 1984-85 no new Lodges have been formed, but two old ones were dissolved. The younger generation seem to be more attracted to those movements

which offer more immediate and tangible satisfaction.

The Dharma Lodge in Yogyakarta, after several years of inactivity, was finally resuscitated. Activities in the remaining Lodges proceeded as usual.

Other activities which can be mentioned are the healing groups, the Theosophical Order of Service and publication work. The Penerangan Lodge in Surabaya is active in printing theosophical books and a monthly magazine, *Jyoti*.

Early this year we had the honour of having the International President as our guest. She visited Jakarta, Bandung, Surabaya and Semarang and much interest was shown by our members in her lectures and discussions.

MR H.M. SOESISWO
General Secretary

IRELAND

The past year was a successful one for the T.S. in Ireland. The weekly public meetings on Monday nights were held throughout the year. A wide range of subjects was covered, of theosophical, theological, philosophical and scientific interest.

In addition, informal study meetings were held by the Dublin Lodge for members. Unfortunately, no outing was held this year due to pressure of other activities, but it is hoped to reactivate it next year.

There has been an increased interest shown over the year in the Society and its activities, especially by younger people.

New members are continuously joining, although this is not at first apparent from the figure of total membership, indicating a decline over the year. This is principally due to the regularizing of membership lists, weeding out many who were *de facto* lapsed.

Our Headquarters were redecorated during the year and the catalogues for the library were computerized, as were membership lists.

Preparations are now in hand for the centenary year of the establishment of the Dublin Lodge.

DR IAN COWAN
General Secretary

ITALY

There was an increase during the year in the number of members and Lodges. Membership totalled 1,165 as on 30 September 1985, and Lodges 38—an increase of 115 and four, respectively.

Our 71st National Convention in early June attracted 120 members. The theme was 'From Faith to Knowledge' with Mrs Danielle Audoin as guest speaker. A Theosophical Regional Meeting was held at Sorrento 7-9 September. It was a great success with 70 participants, mainly from nearby Lodges. They also visited Capri.

The section magazine *Revista Italiana di Teosofia* maintained the number of subscriptions at about 1,000, of which many were non-members and several public libraries.

We published five books during the year: the fifth volume of the new Italian edition of *The Secret Doctrine*, the 5th edition of *The Voice of the Silence*, 2nd edition of *Character Building*, 2nd edition of

G.W.L.'s *Dreams and Theosophy in Ancient and Modern Thought* (a collection of 22 lessons of a course on Theosophy by E. Bratina, published earlier in our magazine).

The General Secretary visited and lectured at many Lodges in various cities. His public lecture at the Napoli Press Club on 'The Powers Latent in Man and How to Develop Them' attracted an audience of about 300 persons.

The T.S. being a Movement which requires only to 'sympathize' with the first Object, members do not require to know better its metaphysical implications with study, research and application. Only to 'sympathize' with 'universal brotherhood' is but the first step on the long way to progress. It is therefore our duty to put in evidence the meaning of 'sympathy' (i.e. 'to feel alike') and of 'universal brotherhood' or 'unity of Life'.

MR EDOARDO BRATINA
General Secretary

MEXICO

No Report

NETHERLANDS

There was a decrease of 32 in membership leaving the total at 795. The number of Lodges remains the same as last year i.e. 20.

The *Yoga Sutras of Patanjali* and the *Chakras* were reprinted during the year. The Summer School had a hundred participants with the theme 'Karma and Reincarnation'. The May weekend was on the subject of 'Gods in Exile'. The two-year training course which had been

initiated previously ended this year.

Dr Harry Upadhyay of England conducted a Meditation Seminar 5-8 September 1985 and Professor John Algeo lectured at three places between 27 May and 2 June.

We had a fruitful and very interesting year.

MRS INEKE VROLIJK
General Secretary

NEW ZEALAND

The annual convention held in Wellington in January 1985 owed much of its success to the contributions from the guest lecturers, Michel and Diana Chapotin. Those staying at the family camp at Porirua attended most meetings and with others provided a delightful concert on the closing night.

We were fortunate to be able to start 1985 with a visit from the International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, who travelled from Auckland right down to Dunedin to address large and appreciative audiences at nine different Lodges. Lectures given by the National Lecturer, Lionel Taylor, on 'Auras' attracted audiences of one hundred at several Lodges (some in smaller centres). The General Secretary, Jack Patterson, and Conrad Jamieson made extensive lecture tours. In all 65 lectures were arranged by Headquarters during the year.

The weekend workshop at the beautiful Tauhara Centre overlooking Lake Taupo fully achieved its purpose of providing training in workshop and other techniques designed for use in Lodges. The forty-one members from eleven Lodges who attended experienced the unity and loving relationship which develops in group work and returned home with new enthusiasm.

The enthusiasm of some members unable, because of distance, to attend Lodges has encouraged Headquarters to start organizing study centres which, hopefully, will become Lodges. A successful first meeting at Warkworth attracted an audience of twenty.

The family camps held at Easter at Lake Rotorua and before and during conventions have been attended by up to 60 persons with ages varying from 2 to 82 years. Less structured than most theo-

sophical gatherings, these camps, organized by Brian and Helen Pollock, appeal especially to the young members and the children of members.

During the year, Roma Dunningham, who, as editor for many years, built up the high standard of the magazine section, relinquished her task and the last two issues have been capably edited by Elizabeth Sell. Over two hundred copies of the magazine are sent to appreciative readers overseas and as a result of newspaper advertising there are, within New Zealand, four hundred and forty subscribers in addition to members, who receive the magazine free.

The New Zealand Section has fourteen coloured 16 mm films with sound tracks which are supplied with scripts to Lodges. The Cassette Centre conducted by Mr Frank Wilson sells, or sends out on loan, large numbers of cassettes of theosophical talks throughout New Zealand and overseas.

The Lodges are constantly supplied with theosophical leaflets and every month two hundred and sixty letters of sequential theosophical teachings are sent out to new members. The newsletter sent from Headquarters four times a year has been extended to four pages to include as much news as possible to stimulate interest in the Society.

A new innovation is a three-monthly newsletter to Lodge Presidents and Secretaries aimed at providing them with information which we feel would be helpful in the Lodge activities.

The postal library provides a very valuable service to members living too far from Lodges to use their facilities. The Librarian, Joan Patterson, receives an average of one parcel of returned books each day and sends out an equal

number. New books are constantly being added.

The reference library has now been catalogued by Mavis Hardy.

The achievement of the Wellington Lodge in successfully completing the rebuilding of their premises is all the more meritorious because the members have worked as a team to do much of the work themselves. With some outside help the Wanganui Lodge has repaired and decorated their building. The advantage of having a Lodge building is evident when, in other centres, one sees an extensive T.S. library of a Lodge kept in storage and not available to members or public.

Through the efforts of Brian Kirkby the sum of NZ \$ 877 has been collected and sent to Adyar for the H.P.B. Hostel for under-privileged children attending the Olcott Memorial School.

Theosophical activity throughout the country this year has achieved a total membership of 1,624 at the end of September 1985, which is an increase of

65 from last year. There is no doubt that basic Theosophy is what attracts new members but it must be presented in a form where the audience feels involved.

We lost by death this year a long standing and respected member of the Dunedin Lodge, Miss Agnes Inglis, when she died at the age of 91. She had been a member of the Society for 74 years.

This report would not be complete without paying tribute to two outstanding workers who have retired from office, Mr Brian Dunningham and Mrs Roma Dunningham.

It is becoming clear that we need a more flexible approach to our theosophical work in the future because of the new energies flowing into a changing world. We must work less from the head and more from the heart, for our work becomes truly effective when the universal energy which is love flows through all that we do.

MR JACK G. PATTERSON
General Secretary

NORWAY

The Norwegian Section was host for the European Council and the European Executive Committee at our Summer School at Gol in August. It was a happy gathering of 79 members from 12 Sections: Sweden, Denmark, Germany, England, Wales, Belgium, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Finland, France, U.S.A. and Norway. The guest speaker was Miss Joy Mills. Also, three of us went to the European School of Theosophy in Tekels Park, England.

We held public meetings once a month at our Headquarters, with members giving talks and providing refreshments. The library at the Headquarters is kept

open every Monday from the end of August till the beginning of June.

We publish two quarterlies, one exclusively for our members and the other jointly with Sweden.

Mr Curt Berg from the Swedish Section visited us in January and held a seminar on Karma in addition to giving a public lecture on Reincarnation.

In August some members sold books and gave information and pamphlets from a stand on the main street of Oslo. In June, I visited the Lodge Vesta.

MRS AGNES IBSEN
General Secretary

PHILIPPINES

No Report

PORTUGAL

Regular theosophical work continued on the established pattern of public lectures and symposia at the Headquarters every fortnight and branch meetings every week. The President of Branch Pythagoras gave three public talks on 'The Laws of Theosophy' continuing the work he began last year. There is good collaboration among branches in organizing public meetings.

During Easter holidays we had the eighth Iberian Theosophical Week in Escorial, Spain, which was attended by 22 Portuguese and more than a hundred Spanish members. Fraternal links were strengthened in a very theosophical atmosphere.

There are 12 branches and a total membership of 284.

We had difficulties in publishing our bulletin *Portugal Teosofico*, because the press went bankrupt and we had to turn to another one. We are confident that everything will be in order soon.

We hope to have the pleasure to receive in November Miss Ianthe Hoskins who will lecture at the Headquarters and in some branches as well.

In conclusion, I must say that we are optimistic concerning our work and look forward to maintain and uphold the high ideals of Theosophy in Portugal.

DR MARIA G. NOBRE SANTOS

General Secretary

PUERTO RICO

No Report

SPAIN

There was an increase in our membership during the year from 569 to 628. A new branch, Acuario, was formed in Alicante, raising the number of branches to 17.

The 8th Iberian Theosophical Week was held in April at El Escorial near Madrid, the theme being 'Peace'. It attracted 155 members from Spain and Portugal besides the General Secretary of Mexico, Mr Isaac Jauli. None of our members attended the European Congress.

The Bhakti branch organized its annual Seminar during August, attended by a good number of members from all over the country and one member from Germany.

Under invitation from the American Section, our General Secretary was in Wheaton for a ten-day stay to attend the conference on publication of books in Spanish. He also attended the 10th General Assembly of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation in Wheaton and visited New York where he delivered

a talk about the T.S. in Spain at the T.S. Lodge there.

Our Section was invited to join the Federation. With authorization from the European Federation, we have become affiliated as a member of the I.T.F.

There is every hope that after prolonged legal proceedings, we will be able to re-

cover the property of over 300 hectares at Jijona near Alicante which was not in our possession since 1939.

All our branches continue their work steadily.

DR JOSE MARIA VENDRELL BRUCET
General Secretary

SRI LANKA

The activities of the T.S. in Sri Lanka in the year 1984-85 were affected to some extent by the somewhat unsettled conditions prevailing in the North and the East of our Country. The Sri Ram Lodge in Jaffna in the north and the Hamsa Lodge in Badulla, which adjoins the Eastern Province, had their activities inhibited by these circumstances.

Three other Lodges have suffered irreparable losses in the passing away of their Presidents: Shanti Marga Lodge in Galle, the Marifa Lodge in Hunupitiya, a Colombo suburb, and the Lotus Lodge in Veyangoda, 25 miles north of Colombo.

The two Lodges in Colombo, the Besant and the Lanka, carry on their activities more or less jointly, especially since the Secretary of the Lanka Lodge opted out of office.

Despite these difficulties we have continued our theosophical work, including public lectures and the holding of two whole-day seminars on 25.11.84 and 23.2.85.

Owing to the poor response of our members to public meetings organized by the T.S. we are trying out a new method. T.S. members meet informally on every other Monday evening for what we describe as 'Cottage Meetings'. They are proving very useful owing to their regularity and the regular participation of T.S. members. The subjects discussed range from 'Consciousness' to 'Insight into the Age of Aquarius'.

It is a pleasure to report progress in the repair and renovation of our 50-year old Headquarters building. We hope to re-occupy the renovated building by about the end of 1985, after which we look forward to the Light of Theosophy becoming a powerful beam in this land of ours when the T.S. can make a substantial contribution towards the establishment of Love, Understanding and Peace.

MR T.R. RUSTOMJEE
General Secretary

SWEDEN

The Swedish Section now has 266 members. Five Lodges have had activities, which includes many lectures on various theosophical themes and also study groups.

Our Summer School was held jointly

with the Norwegian Section. The theme was 'Wisdom in the World of Today'. The guest speaker was Joy Mills. Others who gave lectures were Ianthe Hoskins, Mary Anderson, Geoffrey Farthing, Curt Berg and several other good speakers.

The annual convention was held in May 1985, with the theme '*The Bhagavad Gita*'. Mr John Algeo from the U.S.A. was the guest speaker and gave some splendid lectures, followed by study groups.

Public lectures were given in Stockholm, Goteborg, Malmo and Orebro. Study groups covered 'Reincarnation and Karma', *The Secret Doctrine*, and 'Culture, consciousness, paradigm'.

Five of our members attended the European School of Theosophy in England; three studied at Krotona, and one at Adyar.

We published a new edition of the

Swedish translation of *At the Feet of the Master* during the year. Also in translation or preparation are Annie Besant's *The Theosophical Life*, I. K. Taimni's *Self-Culture*, Radha Burnier's *The Way of Self-Knowledge*, N. Sri Ram's lectures and articles, *The Foundation of the Esoteric Philosophy* and *The Key to Theosophy*.

Both our magazines were published regularly—one exclusively for our members, and the other jointly with Norway. We are also working on Letters to New Members to help them in their studies to be sent monthly.

MRS ING-BRITT WIKLUND
General Secretary

SWITZERLAND

There have been no particular developments since my last report.

Our Annual Convention was held on 4-5 May in Glion. Those present enjoyed happy hours together in one of the most beautiful parts of the country. On the evening of 4th May we celebrated White Lotus Day in advance. Four new members were admitted.

Meetings of the whole Section in Glion in November and May have become an institution. They provide an opportunity for contact between members speaking different languages who would not normally meet and this is important for the strength of the Section.

Several Swiss members attended the Summer Schools in France, Germany, Austria and Norway. Two members attended the School of Theosophy in Germany.

We now have 144 members, a decrease of 17 from the previous year. The decrease is partly accounted for by the fact that many members who had shown no interest in recent years were dropped from the list. With the resultant higher proportion of serious members, we now look forward to fruitful work in the coming year.

MISS ELIZABETH JENNY
General Secretary

U. S. A.

The American Theosophist is an important medium of communication between Headquarters and the members of the American Section. Kern Foundation grants enable us to publish the two larger and more widely-circulated special issues. The autumn 1984 special issue, 'Con-

science and the Quest for Values', was well received and the spring 1985 special issue, 'Colour, Sound and Rhythm' substantially increased our new subscribers.

Steady progress was maintained in the dissemination of the Ancient Wisdom through a multi-media approach—

books, pamphlets, leaflets, audio-visual aids, audio and video cassettes, radio and films. Substantial and continued aid from the Kern Foundation helps the Section to carry on and expand its multi-faceted activities, including the holding of Theosophical camps in different parts of the country.

A new updated *Resource Catalogue* was printed, listing 350 titles of audio cassettes, over 25 video cassettes besides correspondence courses, slide programmes and other educational materials. Video-tape programmes are proving popular, with distribution more than doubling during the year.

1985 marks the 20th year that Quest books have been produced by the T.P.H. in Wheaton—with over three million copies of Quest books plus many thousands of copies of additional titles printed. Book sales registered an increase of 8½ per cent during the year. Slightly damaged books are being sent to prisoners and prison libraries. The Prison Book Fund continued to receive generous donations. Free cassette copies of some Eternal Quest and Quest Radio Tape series were also sent to prisons.

The National Lecturer, Bing Escudero, visited most of the branches. Other visiting lecturers included Miss Joy Mills and Mrs Dora Kunz.

Olcott Library (Wheaton) book and tape circulation registered an increase of 82% over the previous year. The library

added three hundred books and tapes to its collections. Books are regularly loaned under the inter-library loan programme.

A separate legal entity named the Theosophical Research Institute was established, which published four issues of *The Theosophical Research Journal*, transferred from the British Science Group. Its circulation rose to an encouraging 1,100 from about 200 the previous year.

We now have 4,872 members in the Section—in 72 branches and 80 study centres.

The correspondence course programme continues to serve an important need in the Society's educational services to members and to those who wish to learn about Theosophy without necessarily becoming members.

The Department of Education purchased four films during the year: 'The Perennial Philosophy', 'Christian Mysticism and the Monastic Life', 'Tibetan Medicine: A Buddhist Approach to Healing' and 'Meditation: The Inward Journey'.

Each new member is sent a letter every month for 24 months. These letters contain some of the basic teachings of Theosophy and serve to acquaint the new member with the Society's activities and the resources available to him from the Society.

MRS DORA KUNZ
National President

URUGUAY

No Report

WALES

The work of the Section continues with reasonable success. Regular lectures and study groups are well attended; there is a feeling of good will and harmony in the Lodges, both in Colwyn Bay and Cardiff. Studies have included *The Mahatma Letters*, *The Bhagavad Gita*, and a Self-Enlightenment Study Course.

Cardiff Lodge had the pleasure of a

visit by Joy Mills.

Resignations and deaths balance the number of new members for this year.

It has been an active and interesting year and we hope to continue the good work in the Welsh Section during 1986.

MRS E. T. PROBERT
General Secretary

YUGOSLAVIA

We are still recovering from the schism in the Section which took place not long ago. Nevertheless we are able to work without hindrances.

We now have three active Lodges at Ljubljana, Celje and Rijeka with a total of 54 members. Lodge 'Service' in Ljubljana, with 34 members, held regular meetings twice a week. Lodge 'Understanding' in Celje held fortnightly meetings. Lodge 'Love' at Rijeka was handicapped in its work because of the absence and illness of its president Mr Sutic. Lectures and discussions at Lodge meetings covered *The Voice of the Silence*, the first and second objects of the T.S., and articles translated

from *The Theosophist*.

Our annual convention was held on 2 June 1985 in a harmonious atmosphere and was a success. Dr. Cveta Staric agreed to work as Secretary in place of Dr Krevel who resigned.

In July we conducted our Summer School at Bled with 24 participants. The theme was 'Know Thyself'. The work in the School was intensive and harmonious, with daily lectures, meditation and discussions.

The Lodge library at Ljubljana is patronised by members as well as non-members.

DR AUGUSTIN GERDEN
General Secretary

REPORTS OF PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES

BOLIVIA

At present there are 20 active members in Bolivia. Times here are very difficult, but there is hope that the number of Lodges may increase since there are more than 59 Theosophists or ex-Theosophists as a whole. The majority does not attend the meetings of the Lodges,

although they read, study and try for individual betterment in their own homes.

During the year I made three trips to cities where there are theosophical Lodges—Cochabamba, Santa Cruz and Sucre, trying to reorganize and stimulate the membership. Something has been ac-

completed in Cochabamba where two new Groups are being formed that will hopefully become Lodges. Also in Cochabamba, Sister Dora Crespo, at her own cost, has furnished a country estate consisting of a large main house and two smaller ones with a library dining hall

and rooms for talks and meetings, and even dormitories that she promises to donate to the T.S. We hope this may be done soon.

MR MARIO CARIAGA ARAMAYO

Presidential Agent

MALAYSIA

No Report

PAKISTAN

No Report

SCOTLAND

This year the number of members in Scotland stands at 189, with three of the seven Lodges having less than seven members. Orpheus Lodge (Sacred Dance) has not been revitalised, as was hoped, and the position will have to be reviewed. Aberdeen and Dunfermline have only a few members each and have difficulty in organizing meetings; they rely mainly on T.S. journals, magazines, correspondence and coming together whenever possible.

The Glasgow members will soon be able to put behind them months of very hard work on the basement of the Lodge building. This has meant that T.S. meetings have been held less frequently during the year, but a very welcome interlude from the turmoil was provided by the visit of Joy Mills to Scotland in June 1985. She visited Glasgow and Edinburgh Lodges, uplifting spirits and bringing a sense of oneness to the members.

Edinburgh Lodge, Orient and Blavatsky Lodges (Edinburgh) have been engaged in meetings throughout the year. Edinburgh Lodge has had public Sunday

meetings and members' meetings during the week for study and meditation. The Blavatsky Lodge (Science) has been engaged, during the past year, with the further development of Kirlian photography and its relevance to aiding humanity; they are also running a series of meditational meetings, attempting to develop a technique designed to achieve a sense of oneness in a group. Orient Lodge continues its specialized study into Esoteric Astrology.

The libraries at Edinburgh and Glasgow are widely used. Glasgow have kept their library open two evenings a week. They will very soon be housing, for the first time, videotapes. Alan Senior, during his visit to the 1985 English Convention and Summer School (with the cooperation and help of Dr Hugh Gray) was able to videotape all the talks. These were the first T.S. video-films to be made in Britain and copies of them will be sent to the T.S. libraries in England, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

This year has also seen the revival of a magazine for the T.S. in Scotland called

Circles; it is meant not only to bring news of what is happening in Scotland but to link up other parts of the world.

The H.Q. building at Edinburgh requires constant attention and a great amount of time and energy but is a building worth preserving. At the

beginning of this year, a week's conference took place in the headquarters building on 'One World—Life Matters' bringing people of like minds together on this important issue.

MRS MARGARET T. SENIOR
Presidential Representative

VENEZUELA

Regular weekly meetings are held at both our Lodges when lectures and discussions cover a wide range of theosophical subjects. We also held some theosophical studies. A booklet on 'The Art of Meditation' was published by Lodge Fraternity. Theosophical anniversaries as well as the Asala and Wesak Festivals were also duly celebrated.

Miss Ianthe Hoskins's visit in March 1985 was highly successful and her public lectures left a very positive impression on members and the public.

In our studies, conferences, etc. all the members participate talking about their experiences, readings, ideas, etc. We try not to use the old method of long readings.

Because of several difficulties we have not been able to publish our journal *Unidad* during the year.

I attended the Inter-American Theo-

sophical Workshop and Congress in Wheaton, Illinois, U.S.A. We have received some theosophical materials from Colombia, Cuba and Mexico.

We lost one of our great workers in the passing away of Sister Norah Salas de Suarez, our last Vice-President, in January 1985.

There has been an increase of 11 in membership which now totals 72. We continue working for the development of our Presidential Agency with dedication to the Masters and Founders. We try for all the possible means to explain to members and visitors the importance of a spiritual and disciplined life as man's highest accomplishment, especially at the present time.

DR ROGER VIVAS-DECANIO
Presidential Agent

REPORTS OF REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

AFRICA, WEST

The T.S. in West Africa is celebrating its 50th birthday in Ghana this year, and publicity in local media has been outstanding. The first Lodge in Ghana, 'Blavatsky' in Accra, was chartered on 17 November 1935 under the leadership of the late Kwac Brakatu-Ateko. Since then the T.S. has expanded to many other parts of Ghana and West Africa. Now there are 14 Lodges and Centres in the Region with a total membership of 361.

Many activities are planned to celebrate the Golden Jubilee year. It has been named 'Action Year' during which it is sought to make members more alive to their responsibilities and the public more aware of the T.S. and its aims.

As usual the Organizing Secretary, Mr J. O. K. Edusei, undertook another tour of Lodges and Centres in Ghana to sustain interest. Mr P. B. Kwakyi, Deputy Organizing Secretary, and Mr

Charles Baiden, Treasurer, also visited various Lodges and gave talks.

Our Annual Convention was held at Accra in April, and the attendance was good. This year's week-end seminar in July at Kumasi was cancelled in view of the Golden Jubilee programme, to reduce members' travelling expenses.

Raja Lodge in Kumasi, Ghana, has undertaken construction of a Lodge Building comprising office, library and a meeting room through voluntary contributions and self-help.

We receive numerous enquiries and several non-members attend our study meetings. Though some ask for help to get employment, protection from enemies and acquisition of psychic powers, all enquiries are attended to with indication to conform to the aims of the Society and take the voyage on the ocean of Theosophy.

PAUL B. KWAKYI

Dy. Organizing Secretary

CANADA

No Report

IRELAND, NORTHERN

The 37th Annual Convention of the T.S. in Northern Ireland was held on 26 May with Miss Jeanine Miller as guest speaker.

Throughout the year we continued to provide a comprehensive programme of public activities in the form of talks and discussions. Subjects ranged from 'The Gift of Faith' and 'The Part and the Whole' to 'Yoga Made Simple' and 'The Principles of Astrology'. Discussions on 'Meditation', 'Salvation' and 'Conversion' provided an opportunity for public participation and were very much enjoyed by all those present.

Belfast Lodge celebrated its 75th year of fruitful existence on 5th May. Members' meetings on Wednesdays continued to be very well attended. The group explored *The Science of Yoga* by Taimni, *Mysticism* by C. Jinarajadasa and other books.

Our nominal membership is now 48. Although the harvest is plentiful, the workers are always few. Our group, though small, is highly cohesive and truly dedicated.

MR TONY RODRIGUEZ
Regional Secretary

REPORTS OF FEDERATIONS

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

Four News Letters were sent out during the year.

The highlights of the year were the visit of our President Mrs Radha Burnier to Europe, and the European Congress held in Poitiers, France.

The President visited no less than 14 Sections. Besides lecturing she held seminars, and got in excellent touch with many members. This was a great inspiration for all of us!

The European Congress in Poitiers attracted about 260 members from 16 different European countries and even some from Canada. Thanks to the inspiring presence of our President and the hard and devoted work by the French General Secretary and her co-workers, those days in Poitiers gave to everybody happiness and strength. A member wrote he would never forget 'Radha Burnier's simple but consistent, crystal-clear words of wisdom, the many stimulating lectures—full of variety, the international unity and the warm nights'.

The printed texts of lectures were made available after the talks there and some of them have also been published in different magazines. They should not be left in a drawer but 'work'. It was decided to hold the next European Congress in 1987, but the venue is still to be decided.

The third European School of Theosophy was held in October 1984 at Tekels Park, England. It was attended by 30 members from eight Sections. *The Key to Theosophy* and the many diagrams in *The Secret Doctrine* were the objects of study this time.

Two guest speakers from U.S.A. toured Europe during the year. Prof. John Algeo lectured in Sweden, Denmark,

Holland, England and Germany. Miss Joy Mills was the guest speaker at the German and English Summer Schools.

The members of the Executive Committee have all been busy lecturing not only in their own but also in other Sections. Besides her secretarial work Mary Anderson gave talks in several places on the Continent; Curt Berg and myself toured in Scandinavia; our Vice-Chairman, H. van der Hecht lectured in Holland; our most diligent lecturer Ianthe Hoskins lectured not only in Britain and in France but also in the South American Sections and in Israel. Françoise Caracostea travelled widely in her own Section.

Most Sections now have lectures on tape-cassettes available for members living too far from any branch. Preparations are in full swing to introduce video-cassettes as well.

Many sections have made use of the possibility of translating our English literature into their own languages with the help of the Non-English Publications Fund.

We are still working on two of our projects (1) to bring the section rules in line with the international rules; (2) with the help of the General Secretaries to make a list of other theosophical organizations and organizations related to the T.S. within the European Sections, so that we will be able to inform about their aim and work in a correct way.

I thank all those who have wholeheartedly co-operated with me in our common work for the sake of Theosophy, and also for the positive contact I have had in correspondence with members.

MRS BARBRO MELANDER
Chairman

INDO-PACIFIC THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

No Report

INTER-AMERICAN THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

No Report

WORLD THEOSOPHICAL YOUTH FEDERATION

The World Theosophical Youth Federation (WTYF) continued its work, as in the past years, mainly in Brazil.

Our international work is mainly by correspondence, and the WTYF is developing more as an international group of friends than anything else. Thus we had contacts in India, England, France, Holland, and Australia besides the

Brazilian Theosophical Youth Federation with its youth groups and usual camps. Hopefully, those links of friendship will be of some help to the T.S. work at large.

We are planning to send another Newsletter *Universal Man* in December. We sent one in the beginning of 1985.

MR ARNALDO SISSON FILHO
Chairman

REPORTS OF LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR

BANGLADESH

Comilla Lodge

The Comilla Lodge, the only one in Bangladesh, was established in 1889 with 17 members. The Lodge has a building of its own which was damaged during the liberation war in 1971. During the period under report, the Lodge building was renovated at a huge cost, part of it sanctioned by the Comilla District Council and the rest by donations.

The Lodge was visited by distinguished

Theosophists including Annie Besant and Jinarajadasa in the old days, but no Theosophists from Headquarters have been here since 1972.

A book in Bengali on the T.S. is under preparation. The Lodge met 55 times during the year and had lectures and other programmes.

REV. D.R. MAHATHERO
President

CAMEROON

Our work is growing year by year. Theosophical activities are conducted in Buea and Douala, our two main cities.

We conducted a Study Course on 'Basic Ideas on Occult Wisdom' and 'The Light on the Path'.

We participated in several radio programmes discussing various religions. Our weekly lectures are also publicized on the radio to inform non-members.

Our annual convention was held in August 1985 in an atmosphere of brotherhood, preceded by an inter-section meet-

ing. There is a welcome co-operation of all members in our work. We now have 73 active members.

We are in need of theosophical books, either old or new, to permit us to spread the Ancient Wisdom.

Let us pray for the world to become open-minded and inspired by the 'power of love' replacing the current 'love of power'.

MR NDEME A. JACOB-MARSHALL

Secretary

Fako Lodge

HONG KONG

No Report

ISRAEL

Covenant Lodge

The Covenant Lodge met every week except in the month of August to have a lecture followed by discussion. The attendance was very good and many non-members are coming. Membership has increased from 18 to 24.

In May Miss Ianthe Hoskins was with us for almost three weeks giving in-

teresting lectures and fine seminars.

We finished the translation into Hebrew of *Dharma* by Annie Besant and *The Basic Ideas of Occult Wisdom* by A. K. Winner. We have also distributed a good booklet containing 16 chosen lectures.

MR ABRAHAM ORON

President

JAPAN

At the beginning of April we welcomed our President Mrs Radha Burnier who was here for the first time.

Last year we translated *Masters and the Path* and received aid from the Non-English Publications Fund for publishing it. We have completed the translation of *The Key to Theosophy*.

We have two Lodges now: one is the

Nippon Lodge (in Tokyo) and the other the Osaka Lodge, with about 40 members altogether.

We have a monthly magazine and are publishing some articles from H.P.B.'s Collected Writings.

MRS EMIKO TANAKA

President, Nippon Lodge

KOREA

Monthly meetings were held to study Theosophy. We are also planning to hold monthly public lectures for the benefit of non-members.

With the help of the Non-English Publications Fund we are planning to translate and publish three books: *At the Feet of the Master*, *Outline of Theosophy* and *The Key to Theosophy*.

The President and Secretary visited Tokyo several times to discuss theosophical work with the President of the Nippon Lodge.

We have a membership of 21, including four new members during the year.

Mr LIM KIL YOUNG
President

PERU

The four Lodges jointly held activities which included two symposiums, lectures on self-realization given by outside speakers, study of *The Mahatma Letters*, etc. We are now studying *The Voice of the Silence* and a Meditation Group started to work at the end of October.

We express our gratitude to Sister Judith Lopez who has kindly lent us her home to have Lodge meetings. This has made it possible for our Lodge meetings to be held regularly once a week.

SONIA CAMPOS
Secretary

SINGAPORE

No Report

SURINAME

We hold regular Sunday meetings at which in addition to members about 10-15 non-members also attend.

A national public lecture was organized in the hall of the best hotel of the country on the Theosophical Society's work. After my talk there was also a question-and-answer session. The lecture was

given news coverage in local Dutch papers and appreciated.

Also, I am invited to give public lectures by the other religious groups working in this country every month or on any important occasion.

Mr R. K. SINGH
President

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION,
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EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875, INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905

MEMORANDUM

OF

ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled 'An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860,' that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.

SEAL

(Sd) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Station, Madras,
Dated 3rd April 1905.

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and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are:

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire or by

gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follows:

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

President-Founder:—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

Vice-President:—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

Recording Secretary:—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

Treasurer:—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knos, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N.Z.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de la Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Masso, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalvala, Poona, Special Judge, [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded **The Founders** The Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of 'President-Founder,' and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any members thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said

Members of
General
Council not
answerable

trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present personally or by proxy,

Witnesses to the signatures:

(Sd.) WM. GLENNY KEAGEY ..

.. ARTHUR RICHARDSON ..

.. PYARE LAL ..

.. PEROZE P. MEHERJEE ..

at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . . day of March 1905.

(Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
 { " W. A. ENGLISH
 { " SUBRAMANIAM
 { " FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
 { " UPENDRANATH BASU
 { " ANNIE BESANT
 { " N. D. KHANDALVALA

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED 'THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,' ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. All members of the General Council shall at all times be Fellows of the Society and not fewer than seven members of this Council shall be resident in India.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not fewer than 5 and not more than 12 Additional Members, among whom all past Presidents while in good standing shall automatically have place. Other members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of the Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society and excepting the General Secretaries of National Societies,

by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not fewer than five members.

4. (a) The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of the Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and a meeting shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

(b) Whenever, at any time or place, a Convention or other function of the Society shall bring together a number of members of the General Council the President at his discretion may call such members to a meeting for the purpose of study and discussion of any matters concerning the Society that he considers appropriate to lay before them. The meeting may then forward to the President its report on such matters and may make recommendations thereon. Such meetings shall be of a consultative nature without administrative or legislative authority, or may be of a legislative nature upon the decision of the General Council taken at least one year in advance.

In the event the President does not himself attend such a meeting he may

appoint the Vice-President or some other member of the General Council to preside in his stead.

The President or his Deputy shall give not less than thirty days' notice of such meeting to all members of the General Council who may be expected to be present at the function that provides occasion for the meeting, but all members of the Council shall have the right to attend.

5. (a) On the request of any member of the General Council any resolution or other item of business proposed by such member shall be placed on the Agenda, and circulated with brief supporting statements, for consideration at the next meeting of the General Council, provided that not less than six months' notice of such resolution or item of business shall be given to the Secretary.

(b) At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

Note: Meetings include adjourned meetings.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of the Society shall preside at all meetings

of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years from the date of assuming office.

10. The procedure for election to the office of President shall be as follows:

(a) Seven months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Executive Committee shall appoint a special Committee consisting of three members of The Theosophical Society in good standing including the Secretary, but excluding any candidate for the office of President, to carry out the election procedure as hereinafter detailed.

This Committee shall be known as the Election Committee and shall be answerable only to the Executive Committee.

It shall be automatically dissolved on the declaration of the voting result.

(b) Immediately on its appointment, the Election Committee shall instruct the Secretary to send out to the members of the General Council a written call for nominations for the office of President.

The call for nominations shall be sent by airmail or other expeditious means if airmail be unavailable, followed one week later by a second (duplicate) call.

(c) Any member of the Society in good standing, having been a member for at least ten consecutive years

immediately preceding his nomination, may be nominated.

Each member of the General Council who is a General Secretary, Regional Secretary or Organizing Secretary, shall be entitled to make three nominations and shall consult his Governing Body before making nominations.

The President shall be entitled to make three nominations.

The Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and each Additional Member of the General Council who is not a Regional Secretary or Organizing Secretary shall be entitled to make one nomination.

It shall be the responsibility of the nominator to see that his nomination(s) together with the written consent of the nominee(s) reach the Secretary within ten weeks of the date of the call for nominations.

(d) At the expiration of ten weeks, the Election Committee shall place all the nominations received, together with the relevant papers, before the Executive Committee at a meeting especially convened for the purpose.

At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations.

The three nominees having the highest number of nominations shall alone be qualified to be on the voting list, but if two (or more) nominees qualify for the last place on the voting list, they shall both (or all) be included in the list.

No nominee shall be included in the voting list unless supported by at least twelve nominations.

The names of the nominees who thus qualify for inclusion shall be listed in alphabetical order.

This list, as finalized by the Executive Committee, shall be the voting list and shall not be subject to challenge.

(e) The Secretary shall then immediately communicate in writing by airmail or

other expeditious means (followed one week later by a second and duplicate communication) the voting list together with biographical data of the candidates in accordance with Appendix A to these Rules, to the General Secretaries, Regional Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries, and Presidential Representatives and to the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters.

Each General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary and Presidential Representative shall make known the names of the candidates and their biographical data to the members in his area and take the votes in accordance with the instructions in Appendix B to these Rules of the individual members on the rolls of his National Society or area of administration who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations, and shall communicate the result to the Secretary in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B to these Rules.

The Election Committee shall take the votes in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B of these Rules of the members of the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations.

The voting results must reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks of the date of issue of the voting list by him.

If only one name remains on the voting list, the vote shall be taken on a 'For' or 'Against' ballot.

(f) At the expiration of fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by the Secretary, the voting results shall be totalled by the Election Committee and placed before the Executive Committee.

Within three days of the closing date of voting, the candidate who has received the largest number of votes shall be declared elected President and shall assume office not later than thirty days thereafter.

In the event of a tie, or of the rejection of a single candidate in a 'For' or 'Against' ballot, or of a candidate on the voting list dying or being so seriously incapacitated as to be unable to carry out the Presidential duties if elected, after the despatch of the voting list and before the final totalling of votes, the nomination and election procedure shall be repeated, commencing within seven days from the notification of the fact to the Secretary, and the President in office or the Vice-President if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President assumes office.

Note: A member is in good standing if his dues have been paid for the last official year to his Section, Regional Association or Presidential Agency or in the case of Lodges (Branches) attached direct to Adyar and Fellows-at-large to the Secretary or Treasurer concerned.

11. (a) Within three months of assuming office the President shall nominate the Vice-President subject to confirmation by the General Council. His term of office shall be at the discretion of the President but when the Vice-President has been three years in office that office shall become vacant by the passage of time and the President, within three months, shall again make a nomination and submit it to the General Council. Notwithstanding this provision the Vice-President shall remain in office and his term shall continue until a successor has been nominated and confirmed. The Vice-President in office may be renominated. It shall be his duty, among other

things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of the Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. The Secretary and such subordinate officials as are necessary shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at its next meeting, the newly appointed officials not being present or voting. The Executive Committee may remove any of these appointees, by a vote of three-fourths of the whole number of its members. In this event, the President shall make a new appointment.

13. The President shall nominate the Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council for a period of three years. In the event of an emergency, the President may appoint an acting Treasurer with the approval of the Executive Committee until such time as the General Council can confirm a new Treasurer in accordance with the procedure laid down above. The Treasurer may be removed

from office by the General Council or by a vote of three-fourths of the number of members of the Executive Committee. In such an event, the President shall nominate a new Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council.

14. (a) The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year or until its next Annual Meeting, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by cooption.

(b) The General Council may delegate to the Executive Committee any of its powers and authority in the management of the business and affairs of the Society except:

- (i) The power to amend or repeal the Rules;
- (ii) The power to borrow money and incur indebtedness;
- (iii) Such powers as are specifically reserved to the President.

The Executive Committee shall have such powers as are delegated to it by the General Council and as are specified in the Rules. The Executive Committee may recommend to the General Council programmes, policies or activities, but it may not initiate projects requiring major funds not within the current approved budget.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called

by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not fewer than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of the Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of the Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of the Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Secretary, the receipt of any of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. The securities and uninvested funds of the Society shall be deposited in the State Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the

Appointment
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Committee

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Executive
Committee

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Executive
Committee

Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by any two of the following: the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and any other persons appointed by the President for the purpose under Rule 12.

21. (a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of the Society beyond India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of the Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of the Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of the Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscription, donations, legacies, moneys and other property, movable or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to sub-delegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

(b) The funds of the Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public Securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages in such property.

(c) The Adyar Estate of the Society in Madras including the Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(d) The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of the Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21(c).

22. (a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to the Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society with the signature of the President and of the Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of the Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident,

illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Note: The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. The Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of the Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

HEADQUARTERS

26. Headquarters of the Society are established at Adyar Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any premises or portion thereof in the Adyar Estate for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying such premises under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period. When circumstances

warrant it, the fortnight's notice may be dispensed with and the person shall quit immediately when required to do so.

ORGANIZATION

28. Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in the Society, but those under the age of eighteen shall be admitted to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian, and shall have no right to vote until they have reached the age of eighteen years.

29. (a) Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge (Branch), the General Secretary of a National Society or, through the Secretary; and a Diploma (Certificate) of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Secretary.

(b) Admission to membership shall be at the discretion of the National Society or the International Secretary, as the case may be.

(c) The date of membership will begin:

(i) When admission has been made through the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, or Presidential Representative from the date of acceptance by the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary or Presidential Representative as entered by him and duly reported to the Secretary at Adyar.

(ii) When admission has been made through the Secretary, from the date of acceptance of the application by him, and so recorded in his office.

(d) Members may not be full members of more than one Lodge (Branch) at a time, but may be accepted as Affiliated or Honorary Members of Lodges (Branches) other than the one in which they are full members. Affiliated or Honorary Members may possess such rights and privileges as are accorded to them by the Lodge (Branch) in which they hold such membership, but they shall not be founder members of new Lodges (Branches), but if a member becomes a founder member of a new Lodge (Branch), he must become a full member of such Lodge (Branch) and shall relinquish full membership in any other Lodge (Branch). Affiliated or Honorary Members are not to be counted in the international records or vote in international elections other than through the Lodge (Branch) in which they hold full membership.

(e) Without prejudice to the provisions of Rule 10, no member in good standing for less than two years shall have the right to vote in elections and other matters pertaining to Lodges, Federations, Regional Associations, National Societies or other duly constituted bodies of the Theosophical Society. In the case of newly formed Lodges (Branches), or in other special circumstances, the General Secretary, or National Council or Committee, or the International Secretary, as the case may be, shall have the power to waive the requirements of this rule.

30. Lodges (Branches) and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge (Branch), residing within the territory of a National Society, shall normally belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the consent of the General Secretaries concerned a member who belongs to one National Society may while retaining his membership of that National Society belong to another National Society as an Affiliated or Honorary Member, but he shall not cast a vote in matters relating to The Theosophical Society in the National Society in which he is an Affiliated or Honorary Member.

When a National Society under its own rules provides for Life Membership in that National Society, such Life Membership shall no longer be effective where a Member resides in the territory of or transfers his membership to another National Society, unless the specific approval of the General Secretaries concerned has been granted.

31. (a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President

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to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge (Branch), for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge (Branch) may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible.

Before any Lodge (Branch) shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge (Branch) belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge (Branch) vote in favour thereof.

(d) In the event of any undue delay in the transmission of any application under any of the foregoing provisions of this Rule, a correct copy of such application (duly signed or otherwise authenticated) may be transmitted directly to the President by the Fellow or Lodge (Branch) concerned, and the President may act on such copy if in his absolute discretion it appears to him to be fit or proper that he should so act. Any action so taken by the President shall be as valid and effectual, for all purposes, as if it had been taken on the original application submitted for transmission to the President. The Fellow or Lodge (Branch), when forwarding such copy to the President directly, shall state the full grounds and reasons for the direct transmission.

32. Lodges (Branches) or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas (Certificates) directly to the Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge (Branch). In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of the Society through the Secretary.

The Presidents, Secretaries and other Officers, including Committee Members, of Lodges (Branches) shall have been members in good standing for not less than two consecutive years immediately prior to their election. In the case of newly formed Lodges (Branches), or in other special circumstances, the General Secretary or National Council or Committee, or

the International Secretary, as the case may be, shall have the power to waive the requirements of this rule.

Three or more members, but less than seven, may apply for certification as an Official Study Centre, but such Official Study Centres shall not be considered as units to be counted in application for the formation of a National Society.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Secretary, and the Seal of the Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of the Society.

35. (a) A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) consisting of at least 70 members of the Society in good standing.

(b) Upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) in areas which are territorially adjacent and in which there are not sufficient Lodges (Branches) for each national group to form a National Society, the President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a Charter constituting such Lodges (Branches) into a Section. The Charter shall confer the same powers as one issued to a National Society. In all respects the rules applying to National Societies shall apply to any group of Lodges (Branches) holding a Charter under this rule.

(c) The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a certificate of Regional Association to any national or territorially adjacent group of Lodges (Branches) not sufficient in number or otherwise unable to form or to

maintain a National Society, as defined in these Rules, or where in his judgement territorial division or other causes have made such Regional Association necessary or desirable. Any such Regional Association may elect an Organizing Secretary or other executive officer or officers for the purpose of further organization and the transaction of business.

A Regional Association shall not appoint a General Secretary (as the term is used in these Rules) nor be represented on the General Council. In all other respects the Rules applicable to National Societies and to General Secretaries shall apply to Regional Associations and to their chief executives.

(d) The President shall have authority at his discretion to appoint and to withdraw appointments of Presidential Representatives to act under his instructions for the purposes of conducting the business and administration of the Society in any place and in any respect not inconsistent with these Rules. Each such appointment and the power delegated to each such Representative shall be evidenced by a Letter of Appointment referring to this Rule.

36. (a) All Charters of National Societies or Lodges (Branches) and all Diplomas (Certificates) of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of the Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

(b) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-rule (a), a National Society, Section or Regional Association may cancel the Charter of a Lodge (Branch) within its area. This power shall be exercised by the Governing Body or Committee which is responsible, according to the constitution, rules and regulations of the National Society, Section or Regional Association, for the manage-

ment of the business and affairs of the National Section or Regional Association.

(c) The Lodge (Branch) may appeal to the President against the cancellation of its Charter under sub-rule (b) within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the order of cancellation of the Charter, and the President may either uphold or quash the order of cancellation. The decision of the President shall be deemed to be effective from the date of the order of cancellation of the Charter by the National Society, Section or Regional Association.

Provided that if the President does not pass an order on the appeal within a period of nine months from the date of receipt of the appeal, the cancellation of the Charter shall be deemed to have been upheld.

(d) If at any time the number of members in good standing of a National Society falls below seventy and the number of Lodges (Branches) falls below five, the President may, at his discretion, withdraw its Charter.

37. Each Lodge (Branch) and National Society shall have the power to make its own Rules which shall not be incompatible with the Rules of the National Society to which the Lodge (Branch) belongs or with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

All Rules of Lodges (Branches) and National Societies and amendments thereto shall be submitted for approval within thirty days of their adoption as follows: In the case of a Lodge (Branch) belonging to a National Society, all such Rules and amendments shall be submitted to the General Secretary of that National Society; in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not situated within the territory of a National Society

or of a Lodge directly attached to Adyar under Rule 31(c) all such Rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted directly to the President.

All Rules and amendments shall be put into force if approval has not been refused within ninety days of acknowledgment of their receipt.

If by a change made in a Rule of The Theosophical Society, any Rule of a National Society, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the National Society shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

If by a change made in a Rule of a National Society, any Rule of a Lodge (Branch) which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge (Branch) shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the National Society.

38. (a) Every National Society shall elect a General Secretary who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

(b) The General Secretary shall be elected according to the procedure laid down in the rules and regulations of the National Society for a term not exceeding three years. He shall, however, be eligible for re-election for a further term or terms, if the rules of the National Society permit it.

(c) The General Secretary shall generally reside within the area of the National Society and shall not be absent from the area for any period or periods exceeding the limit prescribed by the National Society.

(d) General Secretaries, Regional Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries and other Officers, including Committee Members of National Societies and Regional Associations, shall have been members in good standing for not less than three consecutive years, immediately prior to their election to the office concerned. Provided that in special circumstances, the National Council or Committee shall have power to waive the requirements of this rule.

39. The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of 'The . . . Section of The T.S.' before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

FINANCE

41. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall together have the power to fix or vary fees and charges payable to the General Treasury by Lodges (Branches) not comprised within the limits of any National Society; for Charters of such Lodges (Branches); for Diplomas (Certificates) of Membership and for Annual subscription of Fellows of such Lodges (Branches); and in the case of Lodges (Branches) comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society,

Regional Association, or Presidential Agency for Charters when printed at or supplied by the Adyar Headquarters. The Secretary should inform the General Council within three months of any changes in fees and charges. The Annual Subscription of Fellows other than Fellows-at-large or members of Lodges (Branches) attached directly to Adyar shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society to which such Fellows are attached, or equivalents.

42. Fellows-at-large, resident within the territory of a National Society under the Provision of Rule 31 (a) shall pay to the General Treasury as Entrance Fee and as Annual Subscription the amounts prescribed by the bylaws or other regulations of such National Society, but not less than the fee and subscription fixed for a Fellow-at-large not resident within the territory of a National Society.

Fellows-at-large, not resident within the territory of National Society, shall pay such Entrance Fee, Diploma Fee and Annual Subscription as shall be fixed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary shall inform the General Council of any changes in such fees within three months of their being made.

43. (a) Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury fifteen per cent of the total amount of fees payable by members to the Section and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of September of the current year, and the financial year of the Society shall close on 30th September.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 41(a) and Rule 42, the President at his discretion may authorize Presiden-

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tial Representatives to collect dues in territories to which they have been appointed and to remit in accordance with Rule 43 (a).

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge (Branch), the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the Lodge (Branch), granted by the President, shall *ipso facto* become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas (Certificates), Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge (Branch) shall vest as follows:

(a) in the Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) coming under Rule 31(c) (except) where the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge (Branch) is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest (as hereinafter provided) and delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(b) in the National Society in which the Lodge (Branch) is situated, in the case of a Lodge (Branch) within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge (Branch) not coming under Rule 31(c), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

No National Society or Lodge (Branch) whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the name, motto, or seal of the Society except for the purpose of vesting in the Society or in the National Society, as the

case may be, the real and personal property of such National Society or Lodge (Branch).

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge (Branch), as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges (Branches) being not fewer than seven in number, or to other Fellows being not less than seven in number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgement shall seem best for the interest of the Society.

Provided further that in cases in which the Charter of a Lodge (Branch) had been cancelled by a National Society, Section or Regional Association under sub-rule (b) of Rule 36 and, on an appeal under sub-rule (c) of that Rule, the President quashes the order of cancellation, all property of the Lodge (Branch) shall again vest in the Lodge (Branch), and shall be deemed to have remained so vested from the date of the order of cancellation of the Charter by the National Society, Section or Regional Association.

In cases under (a) above, where such vesting in the Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge (Branch) whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, to which the Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents, or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to the Society.

45. The financial accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

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MEETING

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Society shall be held at such time and in such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year, but such Annual General Meeting or Convention must be held within six months of the close of the Society's year and may be held outside India not more than once in every three years. National Societies desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation at least twelve months prior to the Convention with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

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47. Not more than once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society

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may be held at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention.

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Society at his discretion.

Special
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REVISION

49. The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of the Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

Changes in
Rules and
Regulations

50. The General Council may frame bylaws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such bylaws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

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APPENDIX

A: Biographical Data of Presidential Candidates.

Each candidate shall submit to the Secretary biographical data not exceeding two hundred words.

The following information shall be included: (a) date and place of birth (b) education (c) past and present occupations (d) date of joining The Theosophical Society (e) work done for The Theosophical Society.

Other information may be included but must be factual and shall not contain statements of opinion or policy.

The biographical data for circulation shall be drawn up by the Election Committee on the basis of the information supplied by the candidates, and shall be approved by the Executive Committee (excluding any candidates for election) before being issued.

B: Voting Procedure for a Presidential Election.

Note: Where the term 'General Secretary' is used, it refers also to Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, and Presidential Representative. Where the term 'Section' is used, it refers also to National Society, Regional Association and Presidential Agency.

(a) The Section shall print the voting papers and biographical data as soon as the names of the nominees are announced.

Where practicable, in the view of the General Secretary all the papers should be in the language(s) of the area.

It shall be the responsibility of the General Secretary, to ensure that the voting papers together with the biographical data in full are sent to each member.

Other material concerning the candidates shall not be circulated.

(b) The voting paper shall consist of two parts: the voting slip, and the letter form which the member signs and addresses to the General Secretary.

Each member shall be given two envelopes, a small one in which he will place only the voting slip and seal it, and a larger one addressed to the General Secretary, in which he will enclose the small sealed envelope and the letter form signed by him.

(c) As the papers are received, the General Secretary, with the scrutineers appointed by the Executive Committee of the Section (preferably not members of that committee), shall open the larger envelopes addressed to him to ensure the validity of the votes by checking the eligibility of the voter who has signed the letter form.

He shall then put the small sealed envelopes containing the voting slips into a sealed box.

This box shall be opened on the appointed day by the scrutineers. Voting papers received after this date shall be treated as invalid and shall be destroyed unopened.

The scrutineers shall open the small envelopes and count the votes given to each candidate (or the number of 'For' or 'Against' votes if there is but one candidate).

(d) The General Secretary shall record the result of the count on Form C which will be supplied from the Secretary's Office at the same time as the list to be voted upon.

He shall place Form C in the small

envelope labelled 'Voting Result.... Section', seal the envelope and enclose it in the larger envelope addressed to the Secretary.

This must be sent by airmail or other expeditious means to reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by him.

(e) The small envelope containing the voting results of the Section shall be kept unopened in a sealed box by the Secretary until the close of voting.

It shall then be opened by the Election Committee.

The larger envelope shall be kept separately and shall not be destroyed until after the voting results are announced, and under the authority of the Executive Committee.

(f) If the voting returns have not been received by the Secretary within twelve weeks of the date of issue of the voting

list by him, he shall cable the General Secretary concerned, informing him of this fact.

The General Secretary shall immediately send to the Secretary by airmail or other expeditious means a second (duplicate) voting return in a sealed envelope marked 'Duplicate'.

Cabled results will not be accepted.

Voting results received after the closing date will be destroyed unopened by the Secretary in the presence of three members of the Executive Committee, nominated by the said Committee, and the particulars of the Section from which the voting results were received and the date on which they were received, shall be recorded in writing, and the Secretary and the three members of the Executive Committee shall affix their signatures thereto.

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Vice-President: MR SURENDRA NARAYAN

Secretary: MRS NORMA Y. SASTRY

Acting Treasurer: MR. S. S. VARMA

National Societies, Federations and Presidential Agencies

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1947	Africa, East and Central	... Mr Kanoobhai A. Patel	... P.O. Box 40476, Mufulira, Zambia
1909	Africa, South	... Mr Arthur Bunton	... P.O. Box 22023, Kloofsig, 0034
1956	Africa, West *	... Mr P.B. Kwakyi	... P.O. Box 720, Accra, Ghana
1929	America, Central	... Miss Carmen Aguilar Alvarez...	Logia Gnosis, 3a Calle 5-35 Zona 2, Guatemala
1920	Argentina	... Mr. Juan Carlos Palmeri	... Santiago 320, 2000 Rosario (Santa Fé)
1895	Australia	... Miss Dianne Kay Kynaston	... 4th Flr., 121 Walker Street, North Sydney, N.S.W. 2060
1912	Austria	... Mrs Margaret Lauppert	... Postfach 655, A—8011, Graz
1911	Belgium	... Dr H. van der Hecht	... 166 Rue de la Cambre, 1200 Bruxelles
1965	Bolivia †	... Mr Mario Cariaga Aramayo	... Casilla 2083, La Paz
1920	Brazil	... Mr Joao Baptista Brito Pinto	... R. Anita Garibaldi, 29-10º andar, CEP 01018, Sao Paulo SP.
1912	Burma	... U Maung Gyi	... No 102, 49th Street, East Rangoon
1919	Canada	... Mr Ted Davy	... 2307 Sovereign Crescent S.W., Calgary, Alberta-T3C 2M3
1924	Canada *	... Mrs H.B. Jackson	... P.O. Box 1202, Station 'Q', Toronto, Ontario, M4T 2P4
1920	Chile	... Mr Mauricio Froimovich	... Casilla 3603, Santiago
1937	Colombia	... Mr Walter Ballesteros	... Carrera 6A, No. 56-40, Bogota
1905	Cuba	... Dr Lelia Fernández Pagola	... P.O. Box 6365, Havana
1918	Denmark	... Mrs Marion Bennis	... Banevej 3, Hyllested, 4261 Dalmose
1888	England	... Dr Hugh Gray	... 50 Gloucester Place, London W1H 3HJ
1907	Finland	... Mrs Kyllikki Vuorinen	... Vironkatu 7c2, 00170, Helsinki 17
1899	France	... Mrs Françoise Caracostea	... 4 Square Rapp, 75007 Paris
1902	Germany, West	... Mrs Eva Maas	... An der Lachebrucke 10, D-6450 Hanau 1
1928	Greece	... Mr C. Melissaropoulos	... 26, Harilaou Trikoupi Street, Athens 10679
1921	Iceland	... Mrs Helga Jóakimsdóttir	... Ingólfsstraeti 22, Reykjavik

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1891	India	...	Dr C. V. Agarwal	...	The Theosophical Society, Varanasi 221 010
1912	Indonesia	...	Mr H.M. Soesiswo	...	Jalan Oto Iskandardinata III/G. 336, Jatinegara, Jakarta Timur
1949	Ireland N *	...	Mr Antonio Rodriguez	...	Gateway House, 242, Antrim Road, Belfast BT15 2AR
1919	Ireland, Rep. of	...	Dr Ian Cowan	...	31 Pembroke Road, Dublin 4
1902	Italy	...	Mr Edoardo Bratina	...	via E. Toti 3, (Post Box 1252) 34131 Trieste
1948	Malaysia †	...	Mr S. Narayanan	...	12 Lorong Damansarah Endah, Kuala Lumpur
1919	Mexico	...	Mr Isaac Jauli Davila	...	3 Poniente No. 724-A, 72000 Puebla, Pue
1897	Netherlands, The	...	Mrs Ineke Vrolijk	...	Tolstraat 154, 1074 VM Amsterdam
1896	New Zealand	...	Mr Jack Patterson	...	18 Belvedere Street, Epsom, Auckland 3
1913	Norway	...	Ms Agnes Ibsen	...	Odd Husbysvåg 82 B, 7000 Trondheim
1948	Pakistan †	...	Mrs Gool K. Minwalla	...	'Q' House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi 0402
1933	Philippines, The	...	Mr Vicente Haó Chin Jr	...	Corner P, Florentino and Iba Streets, Quezon City
1921	Portugal	...	Dr Maria G. Nobre Santos	...	Campo Martires da Pátria 69, r/c- Dto., Lisbon 1
1925	Puerto Rico	...	Mrs Maria L. Rodriguez	...	G.P.O. Box 1766, San Juan, 00936
1910	Scotland	...	Mrs Margaret T. Senior	...	12 Granary Park, Rafford, by Forres, Morayshire, IV 36 OJZ
1921	Spain	...	Mr Fernando Perez Martin	...	Sociedad Teosofica Espanola, Rios Rosas, 25-1º-Da, Madrid 3
1926	Sri Lanka	...	Mr T.R. Rustomjee	...	127/1, Cotta Road, Colombo 8
1895	Sweden	...	Mrs Ing-Britt Wiklund	...	Kalle Posts väg 48, S-702 29 Örebro
1910	Switzerland	...	Miss Elizabeth Jenny	...	Binderstrasse 62, CH—8702, Zollikon
1886	United States of America	...	Mrs Dora Kunz	...	P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois 60189-0270
1925	Uruguay	...	Mrs Dolores Gago de Fuerte	...	J. Barrios Amorin 1085, Casilla de Correos 1553
1953	Venezuela †	...	Dr Roger Vivas-Decanio	...	Apartado 2907, Caracas
1922	Wales	...	Mrs E.T. Probert	...	21 Alfreda Road, Whitechurch, Cardiff CF4 2EH
1925	Yugoslavia	...	Dr Augustin Gerden	...	Dalmatinova 9, Ljubljana 61000

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Chairman: Mrs B. Melander, Beleshogsv 15 S-21618 Malmö, Sweden

Inter-American Theosophical Federation: *President:* Mr Manuel Farinich, Florencio Balcarce 71, 1405 Buenos Aires, Argentina

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World Theosophical Youth Federation: *Chairman:* Mr Arnaldo Sisson Filho, Caixa Postal 10360, Porto Alegre, 90000 Brazil

Additional Members of the General Council

- MRS GOOL K. MINWALLA, 'Q' House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi 4, Pakistan (for 1986, 1987 and 1988)
- MR JAMES S. PERKINS, 29, Taormina Lane, Taormina, Ojai, California 93023, U.S.A. (for 1984, 1985 and 1986)
- DR HUGH SHEARMAN, 36, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT 146 JY, United Kingdom (for 1984, 1985 and 1986)
- MR V. WALLACE SLATER, 55, Southfields, Hendon, London NW4 4LX, England, (for 1984, 1985 and 1986)
- MRS EMILY SELLON, 949, Forest Ave., Rye, N.Y., U.S.A. (for 1984, 1985 and 1986)
- MISS JOY MILLS, Krotona 22, Ojai, California 93023, U.S.A. (for 1986, 1987 and 1988)
- MISS IANTHE H. HOSKINS, 37, Victoria Hill Road, Hextable, Swanley, Kent BR8 7LL, England (for 1984, 1985 and 1986)
- MR C.R.N. SWAMY, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600 020, India (for 1984 1985 and 1986)
- MR CURT BERG, Sparrisbacken 63, S-162-37 Vallingby, Sweden (for 1985, 1986 and 1987)
- MR N. MUTHUSWAMY, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600 020, India (for 1985, 1986 and 1987)
- MRS BARBRO MELANDER, Beleshogsv, 15, S-21618 Malmo, Sweden (for 1986, 1987 and 1988)
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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES

*Of the meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society
held at Adyar on 25 December 1985 at 8 a.m.*

PRESENT

Mrs Radha Burnier

President (in the Chair) and proxy for France, Finland, Italy, Mr Seymour D. Ballard and Mr V. W. Slater.

Mr Surendra Narayan

Vice-President and proxy for Germany, Argentina, Puerto Rico and Miss Joy Mills.

Mrs Norma Y. Sastry

Secretary, and proxy for Central America, Norway, Switzerland, Belgium and Cuba.

Miss Tjioe Siang Nio

Treasurer and proxy for Indonesia and Burma.

Dr Hugh Gray

General Secretary, T.S. in England and proxy for the Netherlands, Wales and Miss Ianthe H. Hoskins.

Miss Dianne Kynaston

General Secretary, T.S. in Australia and proxy for New Zealand.

Dr G.V. Agarwal

General Secretary, T.S. in India.

Mr Isaac D. Jauli

General Secretary, T.S. in Mexico and proxy for Colombia.

Mrs Gool K. Minwalla

Additional Member and proxy for Greece.

Mr C.R.N. Swamy

Additional Member and proxy for South Africa.

Mr N. Muthuswamy

Additional Member.

Present by Invitation as an Observer

Mr H.D. Shah

The President welcomed the members present and read the proxies.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the General Council held on 25 December 1984 were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes

(a) *AuMoryaPur*

It was reported that as per a compromise decree of the court, AuMoryaPur will vacate the building they were occupying by 31-3-1986.

3. Confirmation of Voting Results

(a) Election of Additional Members for the years 1986, 1987 and 1988.

Name	For	Against	Abstaining	Total
Mrs Gool K. Minwalla	36	1	1	38
Miss Joy Mills	37	—	1	38
Mrs Barbro Melander	35	2	1	38

All the three above-named were declared elected as Additional Members for 1986, 1987 and 1988.

(b) Amendment to Rule 27

The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any premises or portion thereof in the Adyar Estate for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying such premises under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period. When circumstances warrant it, the fortnight's notice may be dispensed with and the person shall quit immediately when required to do so.

The result of the voting was as follows:

For	Against	Abstaining	Invalid	Total
37	—	1	—	38

The motion having received the required number of votes was declared adopted.

(c) New Rule 29 (b) and consequential changes:

Admission to membership shall be at the discretion of the National Society or the International Secretary, as the case may be.

(present (b) to become (c), (c) to become (d) and (d) to become (e)).

The result of the voting was as follows:

For	Against	Abstaining	Invalid	Total
36	—	2	—	38

The motion having received the required number of votes was declared adopted.

(d) Amendment to Rule 38 (a)

Every National Society shall elect a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

The result of the voting was as follows:

For	Against	Abstaining	Invalid	Total
31	—	7	—	38

The motion having received the required number of votes was declared adopted.

(c) *New Rule 38 (b)*

The General Secretary shall be elected according to the procedure laid down in the rules and regulations of the National Society for a term not exceeding three years. He shall, however, be eligible for re-election for a further term or terms, if the rules of the National Society permit it.

The result of the voting was as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Total</i>
36	—	2	—	38

The motion having received the required number of votes was declared adopted.

(f) *New Rule 38 (c) and consequential change*

The General Secretary shall generally reside within the area of the National Society and shall not be absent from the area for any period or periods exceeding the limit prescribed by the National Society.

(present (b) to become (d))

The result of the voting was as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Total</i>
35	—	3	—	38

The motion having received the required number of votes was declared adopted.

4. Report of the Non-English Publications Fund Committee for the year ending 30 September 1985

The report for the year was presented by the Vice-President. It was agreed that in a case where a grant had been received on a previous occasion for publication, a statement of the fund into which the sale proceeds of such book/s have been placed should be furnished by the applicant for a subsequent grant.

The Non-English Publications Fund Committee for the year 1986 shall consist of the following:

President	...	...	...	...	<i>Chairman</i>
Vice-President	...	...	...	...	<i>Vice-Chairman</i>
Mrs Helen Gething, Chairman, T.P.H., London					
Mr Clarence Pederson, Publication Manager, T.P.H., Wheaton					
Mr A. Suryanarayan Moorti, Editor, T.P.H., Adyar					
Miss Joy Mills					
The Chairman, European Federation					
The Chairman, Inter-American Federation					

5. Report of the International Finance Committee for the year 1985

The report for the year was presented by the Vice-President.

The following were appointed members of the International Finance Committee for the year 1986:

Mrs Radha Burnier	...	...	...	...	<i>President</i>
Mr Surendra Narayan	...	...	...	...	<i>Vice President</i>
Dr Hugh Gray					
Mrs Dora Kunz					
Mr Curt Berg					
Mr Michel Chapotin					

6. Report of the Executive Committee for the year ending 30 September 1985

A summary of the Executive Committee's Minutes for 1984-85 was received.

It was decided to appoint the Executive Committee at an adjourned meeting.

7. Treasurer's Report and Accounts

The President said that by her letter of 3 December 1985, she had informed the members of the General Council that fraud and embezzlement of funds had been taking place in the Treasury for a number of years, and was discovered only in November 1985, as accounts were getting prepared. As a result, it was not possible to present the accounts for 1984-85.

During the discussion, the President said the police had arrested the main culprit, C. Prabakaran, and considerable property was seized from him. The police investigations were proceeding. The President, Vice-President and General Manager were personally in touch with the police and lawyers in order to see the whole matter conducted to the best advantage of the T.S. All actions were being taken in consultation with the Society's legal counsel and other competent lawyers.

As the work of the previous auditors was found to be most defective, on 2 December 1985 the President had appointed Messrs Fraser and Ross as auditors for 1984-85 with the approval of the Executive Committee and in anticipation of the General Council's sanction. The firm has a high reputation. They are in the process of investigating the details of the fraudulent operations in order to present the case to the police. Defective procedures in the Treasury were being rectified with their advice.

As some other employees in the Treasury had been either passively or actively colluding, they had been removed from the Department.

The General Council was assured that everything possible would be done to set right matters and recover lost property.

8. Budget for 1985-86

The budget for the year ending 30 September 1986 was discussed and adopted.

9. Appointment of Auditors

With the consent of the Executive Committee, Messrs Fraser and Ross were appointed by the President as the Society's auditors for the year 1984-85. The General Council ratified the appointment. Messrs Fraser and Ross were also appointed as the Society's auditors for the year 1985-86.

The meeting was adjourned to 1.1.1986, 8 a.m.

MINUTES

*Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society
held at Adyar on 1 January 1986 at 8 a.m.*

PRESENT

All those present in the meeting held on 25 December 1985, with the addition of the following proxy:

Mr Surendra Narayan

Proxy for Spain (in addition to the others)

10. Any other business

(a) *Resignation of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer*

The President reported that the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer had submitted their resignations. There was a discussion on whether suitable substitutes were available. The President proposed the name of Mr. S. S. Varma to be Treasurer. She said he was a member of long-standing. He had held responsible posts in the Indian Railways and Ministry of Transport, Government of India. He was also a member of the Council and Executive Committee of the Indian Section and President of the Delhi Theosophical Federation. He could be assisted by Dr R. S. Gupta, who had taught book-keeping and accounts for many years and was Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Commerce, Vikram University, Ujjain. He too is a long-standing T.S. member who had done very responsible work in the Indian Section. The General Secretary of the Indian Section, Dr C. V. Agarwal, gave support to the President's recommendations and it was decided that she should appoint Mr S. S. Varma as Treasurer under Rule 13 and that Dr Gupta should be appointed as Assistant Treasurer, both with effect from 2 January 1986.

Dr Hugh Gray suggested that the Treasury should be under the overall supervision of the Vice-President, which the Vice-President accepted with the proviso that periodically he would have to be in Delhi.

(b) *Appointment of Executive Committee* (continuation of Item 6 above)

The following were then appointed as members of the Executive Committee for 1986:

Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>President</i>
Mr Surendra Narayan	<i>Vice President</i>
Mrs Norma Y. Sastry	<i>Secretary</i>
Mr S.S. Varma	<i>Treasurer</i>
Mr C.R.N. Swamy	<i>General Council Member</i>
Mr N. Muthuswamy	<i>General Council Member</i>
Mr Conrad Jamieson	
Mr Ch. Sankar Rao	
Mr R. Gopalaratnam	
Mr K. Visvanathan	

(c) *The Theosophist*

Miss Ianthe Hoskins had sent a note and a proposition about the magazine for consideration by the General Council. Briefly her points were (1) that *The Theosophist* should be primarily intended for members of the Society and not for the public. Information about activities in the Sections and exchange of comments through correspondence would strengthen international links. (2) *Adyar Newsletter* should confine itself to informing members about the Headquarters. (3) News about Sections, correspondence and even news about Adyar, might possibly appear in a 'pull-out' section of *The Theosophist*.

The proposition made by Miss Hoskins was considered in detail, including the suggestion that the cover should be redesigned. It was decided to circulate these ideas to all the General Council members and elicit their views, including a suggestion that a competition among members all over the world for the cover design be organized.

